



Loyola students enjoyed a snow day Thursday after an early winter storm dropped 7 inches of snow in the Baltimore area. Many students chose to spend their day sledding, even though finals were just one week away. Thursday was the first weather-related class cancellation since Feb. 22, 2001.  
*photo by Mike Memoli*

## Covert cameras to monitor dorms *Student Life, Public Safety hope to curb vandalism*

By NICK ALEXOPOULOS  
MANAGING EDITOR

In a joint effort to counteract frequent vandalism in Loyola's dorms, the Office of Student Life and the Department of Public Safety are discussing a plan to significantly increase the number of security cameras in heavy traffic areas of the residence halls.

Both departments collaborated at the beginning of this semester to determine how they could work to reduce vandalism, and this project was a popular solution.

"We are trying to work together more, and it's come out of that partnership," said Leonard Brown, director of Student Life.

There are currently 74 "covert" cameras on campus that campus police repositioned to monitor hot spots of vandalism, identified by compiled information and tips. The plan calls for additional stationary cameras in Newman and Campion towers -- 36 in Newman Towers alone -- because incidents of vandalism are most common in those dorms.

The security cameras will broadcast over closed circuit television to the campus police base 24 hours a day. Tim Fox, director of Public Safety, chose digital cameras so they can be programmed to record only when they detect motion, which would minimize the amount of research time and footage recorded.

"I'm working with the department to improve any way



The college hopes that covert security cameras will help to cut down on the amount of vandalism in dorms.  
*photo by Brigid Vilardo*

they can," Fox said. "This is just one of those ways. It optimizes our force."

Both Brown and Fox stressed that the primary purpose of the new cameras is to focus on safety and minimize repair costs, not to observe all student misconduct.

"It's not that we want to catch the kids being stupid; we have to do something because the dollars [to repair vandalism damages] are huge," said Fox. He added that the cameras would be more of a reactive than proactive measure because the tapes would be used to investigate reported incidents of vandalism after they occur.

Brown expressed similar hopes for the new plan, noting that he is much less concerned with beer and visitation than vandalism and student safety.

"We're not going to be sitting

there and watching for misconduct," said Brown. "The last thing we want is a fire alarm at 4 a.m. in the high-rises and people can't find their way out because someone knocked down the exit signs a few hours beforehand."

Student Life has a vested interest in damage reduction, and Brown hopes the cameras will help preserve the new renovations in the Towers and curb unnecessary spending for decor repair costs.

"We waste a tremendous amount of money on useless damage," Brown said.

The destruction of exit signs alone cost Loyola, and subsequently students, \$230,000 last year at roughly \$600 per vandalized sign. By positioning cameras in strategic positions in hallways and parking lots, Public

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## SGA seeks student rep on Board of Trustees

By MIKE MEMOLI  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Loyola's Board of Trustees is currently discussing a proposal by the Student Government Association to add one student member to the board with full voting privileges. The proposal was made last Wednesday during a meeting of the Board's Student Development subcommittee, and a final decision could come by April.

"This year our motto has been to 'Let your voice be heard.' We felt that the students' voice was not heard on the Board of Trustees level," said SGA Vice President Terrence Kneisel, who researched and wrote the proposal. "They are planning five, 10, 20 years down the line, and they don't have student input in that plan. That amazes me."

In researching the proposal, Kneisel contacted a number of other Jesuit colleges and universities, including Gonzaga, Loyola Marymount and Loyola New Orleans. Nine of those reportedly had some form of student representation, including

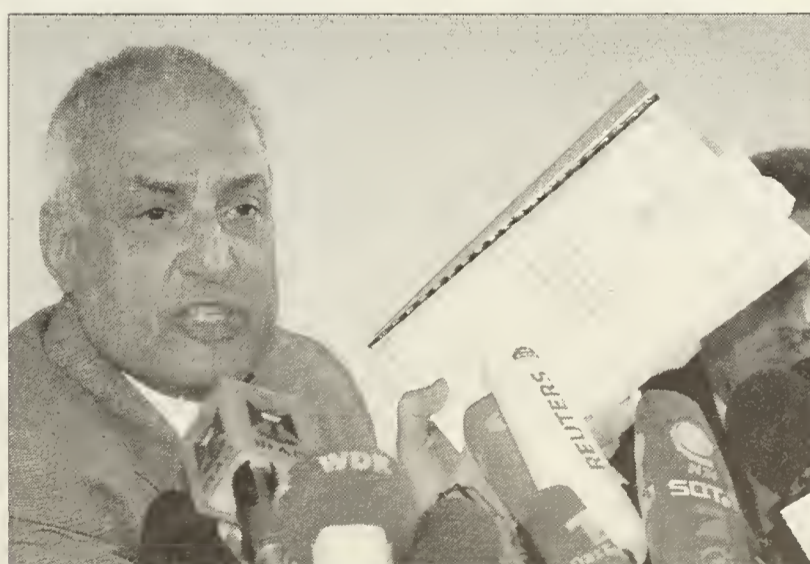
two with full voting rights. The remaining seven had student members on Board subcommittees.

The SGA's proposal would create one full voting student member on the Board and each of its subcommittees. Because the proposal affects Board membership, that student would be chosen by its members. It could choose to have an SGA official serve in that position, or let the college administration nominate a student for membership.

"Something that became prevalent to my thinking in talking with Board members ... is that they were very interested in students' perspectives, but that they weren't getting student perspectives as much as they need or want," Kneisel said. "Having a member on the Board would add a student perspective and [he or she] would be able to voice the concerns students had on the long-term planning of Loyola College."

Kneisel said that initial feedback from the subcommittee was reserved, but generally positive

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Amer al-Saadi, Iraq's government scientific adviser, presents a summary of Iraq's weapons declaration on Saturday. President Bush is considering a military strike against Iraq if it is shown that they possess weapons of mass destruction.  
*AFP photo by Awad Awad*

## Students to protest possible U.S. war

By SARA JEROME  
NEWS EDITOR

The J.U.S.T.I.C.E. club is sponsoring a rally on the Quad today from 4 to 6 p.m. to educate students on what it calls the lesser-known side of the present

situation in Iraq.

Members of the J.U.S.T.I.C.E. club will be in the Quad throughout the day, handing out buttons and providing information on the present situation in Iraq.

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# Belvedere Square revitalization on track

By MIKE MEMOLI  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

City officials plan to announce this spring that several major retailers have committed to the \$14 million Belvedere Square revitalization effort, which was announced last April with Loyola College as the first new tenant in the once-thriving commercial market.

This week Raw Sugar, a children's furniture and clothing store, will be the first business to open its doors at the complex, located at the intersection of York Road and Belvedere Avenue, across the street from the now-closed Gator's Pub.

"This is a really important retail center," said Alexandra Hughes, who has been coordinating the public-private partnership for Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley. "The mayor has been committed to making sure neighborhoods across the city have access to basic resources and also to have an area where people can gather and see their neighbors."

Because lease negotiations are in the critical final stage, Hughes declined to name the business that will lease space in the complex, but said that the commitments were "fairly secure."

"We really tried to help foster a good relationship [with new businesses] and maintain good relationships with the businesses there who are going to stay on," Hughes said. "We want to make sure this becomes what is used to be -- something that draws not only from the surrounding communities, but also citywide."

Loyola's interest in the complex was centered in its commitment to stabilize the neighborhoods surrounding the college and to provide new facilities for the speech pathology program, which will open a clinic in the Lynnbrick building on York Road.

"The real thrust of [the clinic] is to provide a broad base of support for the community," said John Palmucci, vice president of



A \$14 million revitalization effort for Belvedere Square will begin this spring. New tenants will include Loyola College, who will open a speech pathology clinic in the Lynn Brick building on York Road.  
*photo by Nick Alexopoulos*

administration and finance. "We have an interest in stabilizing the York Road corridor ... and we're making some inroads there."

Palmucci said the college has finalized a lease agreement in which it will pay approximately \$210,000 a year to occupy the lower level of the Lynnbrick building. The clinic is currently operating out of Newman Towers.

Over the past several months, a team of developers planned and executed a site plan, which included road improvements meant to slow traffic and make the area more pedestrian-friendly. Louann Tomlin, a project coordinator for Schrubber Brothers Developers, said the next phase is to finalize lease commitments with the goal of opening the market in March.

"We have great prospects for the old Chili's site and the old Hess Shoe store," Tomlin said. "We're hoping to be 100 percent leased by August of next year."

College and city officials confirmed that developers are also interested in the site of Gator's Pub, a popular Loyola nightspot, which closed its doors on Nov. 21. The leaseholder, Thornhill Properties, declined to renew the bar's lease because of indirect pressure from the college.

"[Developers want] to create a restaurant complex, and to make it more of a destination for people to go," Palmucci said, adding that Gator's may be replaced by a sports-themed restaurant. Hughes said no decision would be made in the near future.

"Gator's may be a part of that eventually, but right now they are focusing on the existing real estate," she said.

For years, Belvedere Square was a thriving commercial hub and popular destination for local residents. Over the course of the last decade, however, the area went through a steady decline, with many tenants abandoning the area.

# Discovery phase nears end in suit

By MIKE MEMOLI  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Lawyers for both parties in the Denys Blell discrimination case expect to meet the Dec. 26 deadline for filing discovery evidence, as the college continues to deny improper conduct in the hiring process for the position of assistant vice president for academic affairs and diversity.

Blell, who previously held a similar position at the University of South Florida, filed a lawsuit against the college in September alleging that he was rejected for the position because his skin color was too light.

He claimed that he was told that the college wanted to hire someone who was "visibly black."

At the time, the college said it would defend itself against the charges "with vigor," saying that at no time was race or skin color a part of any discussions about the hiring.

Neither the college nor Morton Edelstein, Blell's lawyer, would comment further on the lawsuit, saying only that not much has changed over the past few months. Saul Gilstein, Loyola's lead attorney in the case, said earlier this year that he expected the case would be thrown out in the motions phase, should it get that far.

In the discovery phase, lawyers for both sides take depositions from key witnesses in preparing their respective cases. Initially, Blell claimed that another Loyola administrator would support his allegations, a fact which the college denied.

Unless the parties settle beforehand, it is unlikely that the case would go to trial before the summer.



## Around the World

From wire reports

### Iraqi government delivers weapons data

Saddam Hussein delivered to the United Nations Saturday night a nearly 12,000-page declaration that Iraqi officials say contains "currently accurate, full and complete" details of the country's nuclear programs and emphasizes the claim that it doesn't have any weapons of mass destruction.

Many saw the declaration as Hussein's last opportunity to recognize any evidence U.N. inspectors may uncover concerning Iraq's possession or development of any weapons.

### Dozens arrested in theater bombings

Dozens of activists were arrested Saturday after bombs ripped through four movie theaters in Bangladesh, killing 17 people and injuring 300. The blasts came as families celebrated the end of the Muslim fasting month.

According to a senior government official, the al Qaeda network may be responsible for the bombings, but radicals are also suspects.

### Venezuela demonstrators demand that Chavez resigns

Political demonstrators Sunday said they would not halt their six-day strike against Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez until he resigns or agrees on early elections. Protestors blame Chavez's leadership for the country's economic crisis.

This decision on continuing demonstrations comes a day after three people were killed and 29 wounded during an anti-government demonstration, complicating negotiations to solve Venezuela's political crisis.

### Al Qaeda claims responsibility in Kenya attacks, plans for more

In an audio tape aired Sunday, the al Qaeda network said it was responsible for two attacks in Kenya that killed 16 people. According to a security source, Israel received warnings Sunday that al Qaeda plans to attack Jews and Israelis in Prague.

## Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

### Friday, Nov. 11

Campus police responded to a report of a sick person in Newman Towers. The student was found lying on his bedroom floor. His girlfriend told the officers that he had 23 drinks at a bar that night. Student Life and the BCFD were contacted and the student was brought to the hospital.

### Saturday, Nov. 16

A female student was found unconscious, sitting behind the wheel of her car, which was on and in gear. The girl had hit two cars in the Campion lot. Campus police tried to wake her but were unsuccessful. BCFD arrived and broke out the rear passenger window to provide medical assistance, which she refused. The owners of the two other cars and BCPD were notified.

### Sunday, Nov. 17

A student parked and left his car in the Campion lot for one day. When he returned the next day, he found someone had thrown a bag of flour all over his car. Neither the student nor Campus Police have any suspects.

### Wednesday, Nov. 27

On above date, campus police responded to a report of possible telephone fraud. A Loyola employee reported that she received a telephone call from someone asking for printer model numbers and cartridge numbers.

The employee remembered seeing an incident alert about incidents such as these, and therefore asked the caller where she was calling from. The caller gave a company, and the employee then responded that they did not do business with them and would not give that information out. The caller became agitated and asked to speak with a supervisor. The employee refused. The caller then said she would call her boss and eventually hung up. Campus police advised if the individual called again that it should be forwarded to campus police.

## Court to hear affirmative action case

BY MEGAN HAYES  
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(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — A new national precedent clarifying the use of race-conscious admissions policies is forthcoming, with the U.S. Supreme Court set to hear oral arguments for both lawsuits filed against the University of Michigan's admissions policies next spring.

The Court's decision will mark an end to five years of legal wrangling over the University's admissions policies and resolve conflicting opinions issued in the nation's lower courts.

"We are ready to defend ourselves vigorously," University President Mary Sue Coleman said after the Court Monday announced its decision yesterday to hear the cases.

The University was sued in 1997 by two white applicants, Barbara Grutter and Jennifer Gratz, who were denied admission to the Law School and the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, respectively.

The plaintiffs claim they were rejected from the University while less qualified minority applicants were admitted.

The Supreme Court will hear both the Law School and undergraduate admissions cases although the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals has yet to rule on the undergraduate case.

The 6th Circuit upheld the University's Law School admissions policies in a decision in May.

Despite previously asking the Supreme Court not to hear the cases, University officials said they were optimistic about the chances for a favorable Court ruling. The court's decision comes as little surprise, University Assistant General Counsel Jonathan Alger said.

"All along we have developed our legal strategy with this possibility in mind," Alger said. "We do believe we have very strong cases here — we are ready to go."

The Center for Individual



The U.S. Supreme Court said last week it would hear arguments in the controversial dispute over affirmative action in college admissions.

photo courtesy of www.usdoj.gov

Rights, a Washington, D.C.-based law firm, represents the plaintiffs in both cases.

CIR attorney Larry Purdy said they welcome a new Supreme Court standard on the use of race in admissions that will affect the entire nation.

"I would hope that they'll agree unanimously that the use of race and the manner in which the University uses it is inappropriate and wrong," Purdy said. "Such a ruling, particularly a unanimous ruling in that regard, would be ... wonderful for every student of every race."

Purdy said he was always confident the Supreme Court would hear the admissions cases given the division between the lower courts that have ruled on cases challenging the admissions policies of other public universities.

"These are clear splits in the approaches taken, and that is one reason the Supreme Court will step in to resolve these cases," Purdy said.

While it is rare for the Court to hear a case not yet ruled on by a federal appeals court, it chose to hear Gratz v. Bollinger because it parallels and supports Grutter v. Bollinger, Wayne State law's Robert Sedler said.

"The Court wants to make clear that its decision will not be limited to law schools," he said.

A group of intervenors representing the interests of minority high school students who they claim would be denied

admission if the University's policies changed, also defend the use of race in admissions, but for different reasons.

They will argue before the Supreme Court that societal discrimination can be remedied only by admissions policies that take race into account.

"Michigan currently has policies which, without affirmative action, would have a discriminatory effect on minorities," said Ted Shaw, lead attorney for the intervenors in the undergraduate case.

"This is a question of whether we'll continue to progress and not regress."

Alger said a diverse student body allows students to learn from each other inside and outside the classroom.

He said the University's consideration of race does not change the fact that all accepted students are academically qualified.

"No student is shielded from competition with other students because of their race," he said.

Former University President Lee Bollinger, who is named as a defendant in the lawsuits, said a Supreme Court ruling on the University's cases will be felt throughout higher education.

"This is not a University of Michigan case ... it is really about relationships between parts of American society," Bollinger told The Michigan Daily.

"It is a matter of confronting the issue and settling it — only the Supreme Court can do that," he added.

## Board considers student membership

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after a round of questioning about the specific details of the proposal. The four Board members who serve on the subcommittee gave a report to the full Board, which reportedly had a very long discussion about the matter. No resolution on the proposal was submitted, however.

"Both the full Board and its Student Development committee heard a complete presentation on this matter and have asked the SGA to answer a few questions about the proposal," said college President Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J. "The Board asked for more details about the type of representation the SGA is seeking and also wanted to know the direction other institutions are taking on these matters."

Ridley also said the board will

seek the opinion of the Association of Governing Boards (AGB), a national agency which monitors the policy and practice of non-profit institutional leadership groups, to gauge what precedent there is for student membership and the nature of those relationships.

Vice President of Student Development Susan Donovan added that she will work with the SGA to determine exactly what kind of representation they are seeking.

"There was a healthy discussion regarding the matter and given that this was the first time this was proposed ... [the] Board wanted to review more specifically how to incorporate student feedback into the Board of Trustees," Donovan said.

Richard Ingram, president of

AGB, was not available for comment Monday. Kneisel said the SGA has sought the advice of Youth on Board, a non-profit group that works with organizations on how to form positive, constructive relationships with young leaders.

The SGA is prepared to do any further research that the Board may ask of it, and Kneisel added that the SGA is willing to negotiate the specifics of the proposal should the Board have any further reservations.

The Board of Trustees currently consists of 25 members, including business executives and officials from other religious institutions. There is no standard criteria for board membership. New trustees can be elected at any meeting of the Board, and are chosen from a list of candidates submitted by its nominating committee.

## War rally to educate on non-violent alternatives

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Amid the recent inundation of media coverage about possible U.S. military action against Saddam Hussein, the J.U.S.T.I.C.E. club thought it would be beneficial to give students a different perspective, offering nonviolent solutions to the current conflict.

"On this fairly conservative and non-political campus, [we feel] that students need to hear the oppositions to war and the reasons we are calling for peace. We hope that students will recognize the power they have to affect the political decisions," said club leader Autumn Martin.

According to senior David Sabol, a member of the club, the rally is primarily educational. Keeping oneself educated on the situation in Iraq is continually important as new events unfold everyday in the news, he said.

"It's all about the education. It's about advocacy and making people aware of both sides."

Dec. 10 was chosen as the date for the anti-war protest because it is the anniversary of the 1948 signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which has come to be known as International Human Rights Day.

The Declaration of Human Rights declares that "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

Because the rally focuses on education, the event will feature student and faculty speakers. Robin Crews, director of service

learning for the Center for Values and Service, will be speaking on the general disadvantages of war. Rev. Gregory Hartley, S.J., of Campus Ministry will also be speaking, as well as providing a blessing at the end of the rally.

Student speakers include freshmen Joel Bumol and Matthew Record and sophomore Erin Haley. According to junior Alexis Romano, the club is attempting to showcase speakers who can each offer a different point of view. She added that the ideals that Loyola espouses should also be considered by students when forming a stance on the war in Iraq.

"We also want to tap into the fact that we are a Jesuit institution, and [ask] why are you going here if you don't believe in love?" she said.

Despite the non-violent approach that J.U.S.T.I.C.E. is taking in the demonstration, they feel that their message is strong.

"This is blatantly an anti-war thing," Romano said.

If America does strike Iraq, J.U.S.T.I.C.E. will hold more protests in the spring semester.

Loyola will not be alone in its anti-war demonstration today. J.U.S.T.I.C.E. was contacted by Boston Mobilization and the Boston Campus Anti-War Coalition to join with other colleges across the country in a National Day of Action against a war in Iraq.

News Editor Tracey Giordano also contributed to this report.

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# LC French students make annual trip to Montreal

By TERESA SCHELL  
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From Nov. 14 to 17, 18 Loyola students studying the French language participated in the third annual trip to Montreal. The trip, led by professors Margaret Haggstrom, Catherine Savell and Kathryn St. Ours, was a study abroad-like experience that allowed students from various course levels to experience Quebec's culture and society through a number of activities.

The students chose to attend history or philosophy classes in Le Boebrebouf, a Jesuit school in Quebec.

Senior Nick Bushar found learning history through a different country's perspective to be very enlightening.

"I sat in a history class that was learning about the Great Depression. It was very interesting to see how it affected Canada," Bushar said.

Members of the French Alpha Program, who also participated in the trip, had the opportunity to interview the school's headmaster, a Jesuit priest who, prior to his employment at the school, had worked for 30 years in Africa as a missionary serving the poor.

The Alpha students compiled a portfolio of film and photographs to commemorate the trip.

The students learned about Montreal's history on a guided tour of the McCord Museum, which houses objects and paintings of Canadian history, enjoyed dining at traditional restaurants and participated in a cultural treasure hunt.

The treasure hunt forced the students to ask local citizens questions.

The interaction enabled students to better understand the language and culture.

The local population's mastery of both the French and English languages affected freshman

Tiffany Runyon.

"I was very impressed by how everyone was bilingual. They were able to switch from English to French within one sentence. It made me realize how important it is to know different languages," said Runyon.

The students also witnessed how another country views the United States.

"Montreal is an incredible place. We learned a lot about the history, and it was interesting to learn their different impressions of our country," said Bushar.

Planning for the trip began in August, in order to establish funding and to coordinate plans with the faculty members in Le Boebrebouf.

The Alpha Program, Education for Life, the Student Government Association and the Department of Modern Languages jointly funded the trip.

Prior to the trip, all participating students studied Quebec from



Loyola students studying French traveled to Montreal in November for first hand experience on the culture of Quebec.

photo courtesy of Nick Bushar

different perspectives according to their courses. According to Haggstrom, it was important for students to represent a wide range of course study and experience with the French language.

"The students were from all different levels of French but they all shared a common interest in the

culture. It was very interesting to see the students interact," said Haggstrom, who noted the trip's benefits for faculty members.

"The trip is important because it gives us interaction with the language and culture that we are teaching in the classroom," she said.

## Camera project aims to monitor dorm damages

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Safety will more easily be able to apprehend culprits responsible for wrecking exit signs and committing other common acts of vandalism at Loyola, such as wall breakage, urinating and vomiting in elevators, destroying aluminum gate arms and improper disposal of excessive amounts of trash. As a result, the student body will pick up less of the tab run high by those few who misbehave.

"The associated gain is kids can't argue they didn't do it," said Fox. "In this visual age, the cameras are a nail in the coffin for a conviction."

But the plan is still in its early

stages. In an effort to include student opinions, Student Life will work closely with the Resident Affairs Council and discuss everything before they fully implement the plan. With proper funding and popular approval, the security cameras would be up and running by the 2003 fall semester.

Though not a panacea, Public Safety and Student Life are confident that cameras are the most logical response to the vandalism problem on Loyola's campus.

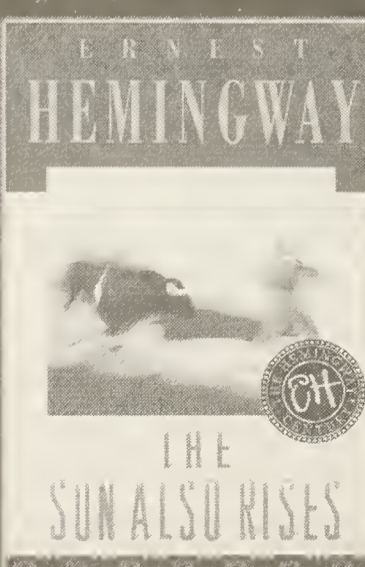
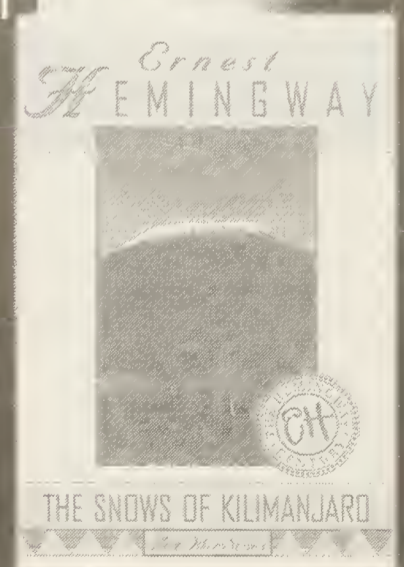
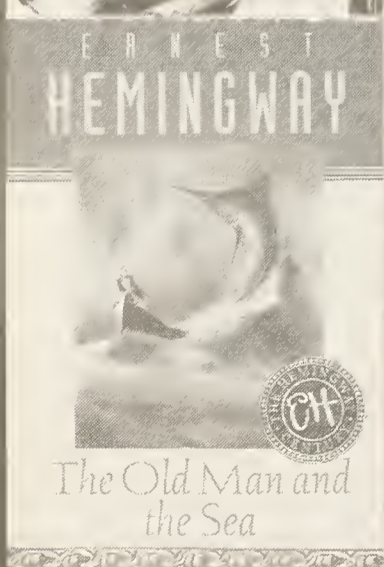
"It's been a big year for vandalism and we're on a rise, but that will change when the tape tells the story," Fox said.



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## —THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL— Students on the Board

In this week's Opinions section, once again you'll read a bit of dispute about Loyola's problem with apathy. If you are looking for a respite from these comments (and some of our reader surveys show that you do), you need look no further than to the Quad today, where the J.U.S.T.I.C.E. club is holding a rally to protest military action in Iraq.

This kind of constructive activism is in theory something the college should embrace, especially as it looks for ways to build more school spirit. The college should provide an environment that facilitates such peaceful and poignant demonstrating.

Consider the alternatives. Recently, colleges have seen overzealous students ripping down goalposts at football games, among other things. Very few would expect that kind of event is unlikely to occur here (especially because we have no football). Even worse, however, would be for us to be completely devoid of passion about anything, which even the most cynical student would say is not true here.

But in a sense, one might look at the supposed apathy problem and see why it might be appealing to the administration. Take the Woodberry stadium, for instance. It only seems that now that the approval process is nearly complete that students (who clearly do not read *The Greyhound*) are finding out about it. While it is the opinion of the Editorial Board that this project is worthwhile, there are certainly a number of students who disagree with it. But were they to voice that disapproval now, it would matter very little.

That is why we applaud the SGA. Their proposal to add a student member to the Board of Trustees has the potential to be the most distinguished achievement by any administration in recent years.

As the college enters a new strategic planning phase, critical decisions are being made about the future of the college. It is essential that the voice of the student not be ignored in these discussions.

Certainly, adding a student to the Board is easier said than done. The student seat should not be a revolving door, but it is hard to have continuity when students are only here for four years and are in leadership positions fewer than that. But for the trustees to prevent even a subcommittee membership would be a great disservice to the students, the college and to the Board itself.

For those students who might be reading this, spread the word and make it clear that you support the SGA.

## Personalize Christmas, use thought

There is that time when we sit down after eating Thanksgiving dinner and we look ahead to the holidays, hoping and searching, racking our brains for that perfect gift for our parents, our brothers and sisters or friends. All of the



### The Spin Cycle

DOUG DRYER

magazines we see are advertising their readers' or editors' top 10 Christmas ideas for this season.

You pick up a copy of one of them and you scan down to the small section where they list the prices for these gifts and your jaw hits the floor.

There is no way that you can afford those prices. What the hell are you going to do?

You could conjure up some brilliant scheme to raise some quick dough and go exchange your hard earned cash for that item in *Maxim* magazine, or you could do something totally radical and get creative.

From past experiences with gift-giving, I have learned that putting some thought into your gifts goes a long way in the eyes of the recipient.

Granted this might make sense to most of you, but from where I sit, the only thing that I can fully see is the fact that more magazines and television commercials are

advertising highly expensive products that have little or no sentimental value. In fact I am pretty sure it is all about being sentimental.

You want the person who receives your gift to look back and think, "Wow, he or she really thinks that highly of me" or "Look at the effort he or she went to in order to get me that."

It gives you a warm feeling inside when you know that your recipient really appreciates what you did for them.

Gifts do not have to be wrapped. You could do what you did when you were younger and felt bad because your parents got you all of these Christmas presents and you had no money.

So you would run upstairs to bed at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve and get together all of your markers, crayons and colored pencils and some construction paper so you could make a coupon book of chores.

Come on, you remember? "One free pass to wash the kitchen floor" or "One free car wash (as soon as the weather becomes warmer)."

All in all it is not a bad idea. I am telling you guys and girls out there to get creative.

Homemade cards always go a lot further than those Hallmark cards or the ones that they sell in the bookstore, but I understand that we are getting a little too old for that type of stuff.

Hey, I have an idea. How about you go out and buy that Hallmark

card but add your own personal message in there instead of just going by what it already says in there? It is all about the personalization.

We all have our special talents. Let us put them to good use for once. If you are a terrific chef, then promise to make a perfect meal with all of the trimmings.

If you are a poet and know it then whip up some witty stanzas to dazzle the mind of your recipient.

If you are a guy who cannot stop for one moment without thinking about the upcoming college bowl games on television then join the club.

Maybe just spending time with people is the perfect gift. I know when I return home for Christmas break, all my parents and relatives just want to see me and let me tell them stories of my college days. Showing interest in people is much cheaper and more effective. Time is all we need to show them how much we really care.

I guess that window shopping and rummaging through all of those catalogs during this holiday season is fun but I would rather think realistically.

Yeah I guess I could afford to purchase some of those items I see in stores for my loved ones but I know that no matter what I get them they will be pleased because of the fact that I took the time to think of them.

Or maybe they will not be pleased? Either way I am looking forward to being original.

You should be too.

## Marriage: Do not rush in too quickly Has the value of marriage declined in recent years?

BY KIM COUGHLIN  
STAFF WRITER

J-Lo is going on her third marriage, George Clooney can't seem to hold down a relationship and Meg Ryan divorced Dennis Quaid (OK it may have been a while ago, but I think he's one of the sexiest men alive and would be happy to pick up where she left off). Has marriage become such an expendable institution that we can just check ourselves in and out at any time?

It's not just celebrities either. Plenty of people I know are divorced, separated, getting remarried or some are just throwing in the towel on ideas of marriage altogether. I think that part of the problem is that marriage as a whole is cheapened by every single divorce that people have. It's like if you take the number of marriages and divide it by the number of divorces that occur, that's how you get the value of it. If the number of divorces keeps going up, we're going to be left with some pretty sad numbers.

Is the future of marriage doomed much like that ancient term "going steady?" Will our kids make fun of us when we talk about monogamous relationships and "until death do us part?"

My roommate recently said that 50 percent of all marriages end in divorce now. That is not a promising figure. This is where being an optimist comes in handy and being a pessimist can be dangerous. Do you see the odds as half promising or half detrimental? Are they a sign that marriages are destined to fail or an easy statistic to fall back on if it doesn't work?

If cohabitation has become so much more acceptable, why are people getting married at all if they're not sure? With the opportunity for a test drive, why do we still feel the need to lease with the option to buy?

I'm not saying that someone should stay in a marriage that is making their life miserable, I just think that it would be beneficial to be sure about the person you're marrying beforehand as to lessen the odds of failure.

It's like studying for a test: while there is the possibility of not studying and doing well, the chances are better if you take some time and really put your mind to thinking about it.

Take the wedding episode of "Will and Grace" for example. Grace didn't even know that her husband had been married before. Call me crazy, but that's something

I'd want to ask about before I jumped into what's supposed to be a lifetime commitment with someone.

A spur of the moment marriage may sound romantic to some people and may be a great story to tell, but I think that there is something to be said for a long engagement.

I'm not sure if I believe in soul mates or love at first sight, but I do believe in being faithful and staying committed to something that you legally and usually religiously agree to and I don't plan on even thinking of marriage until I fully believe that I can uphold those principles.

Some of you who know me may be laughing right now and saying that I'll never get married if those are my criteria and if that's the case so be it. I don't want to just settle and end up making a mockery of something that I know can work if you work at it.

While most people I know were disappointed with the episode of "Sex and the City" where Carrie broke off her engagement with Aidan, I was in total agreement with her when she said, "Some people are settling down, some people are settling and some people refuse to settle for anything less than butterflies."

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## On the Quad

*How did you spend your snow day?*



"Mafia movies and beer."

Martin Vacca '03, Brian Egan '03  
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"Being pelted by snowballs at three in the morning by three masked females."

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"Drinking hot chocolate and watching Christmas movies with my roomies."

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"Mattress Sledding."

Alexis Romano '04



"Nine-lined tray sledding down by Notre Dame Lane."

Olivia Lospen '06  
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## Santa Danzis sends out his holiday cheer

Every year around Christmas time, Bill Maher, on "Politically Incorrect," would have his set covered with fruit baskets. He would hold one up and say, "This is for you Janet Reno, for having the guts to send Elian Gonzalez back to Cuba." He would credit people who normally



### Idiotically Correct

ALAN DANZIS

didn't get credit. And that's what I'd like to do today.

I have a plate of white cupcakes with white icing (I'm a cupcake racist, what can I say?) that I'd like to give to the following people at Loyola and people in the real world that don't get enough credit:

**Loyola Women's Cross Country Team.** You got us our first national championship ever. If that doesn't deserve a cupcake, I don't know what does.

**Hans Blix (head of U.N. Weapons Inspectors team).** Saddam's had four years to perfect his strategy of hide and seek. You have America breathing down your neck with our guns drawn, and you have the rest of the world begging you to cut Saddam slack even if you find a truckload of nukes. You have the worst and yet most important job in the world right now. Don't let us down.

**The whole staff of Student Activities.** No other group on campus spends money like they do just so we the students can have fun.

**Massachusetts and West Virginia**

**attorney generals.** Both states are the only states appealing a federal judge's joke antitrust settlement with Microsoft. At least some government officials aren't in Big Business's back pockets.

**FFC organizers.** I criticize you a lot SGA, but let me now say thanks. Props and cupcakes go to everyone involved with the planning and execution of the FFC, including the streakers.

**The women who wrote in a Nigerian paper that Mohammed would probably choose a woman from the Miss World competition to be his wife.** You sparked riots that led to over 200 people being killed. A lot of people blame you for that; I don't.

One of the rioters was quoted as saying that it was every Muslim's duty to spill the women's blood. You proved why we're on the right side of the War on Terror.

**Event Services.** Led by one of the funniest and friendliest guys I know on campus, this group sets up every single important event on campus. They also have to do it about 8,000 times a week!

**Philadelphia Public School System.** After learning that Philadelphia teens are twice as likely as other teens to have chlamydia, administrators have decided to offer voluntary and confidential free screenings and treatments for STDs. Finally, a school system that recognizes that the safety of the students comes before the school's view on morality.

**Peer educators.** Do you know who these people are? Neither did I, til the other day. Guess what ... they're pretty important. They're made up of all sorts of groups; SHARP deals with health issues, CADETS deals with alcohol issues and CARE deals with body image and relationship issues.

## Does everything suck? Take the next step

BY JOE SALVATI  
SPECIAL TO THE GREYHOUND

Every Tuesday we read a new story about the same old problem. Everything sucks. Loyola sucks, the student body is shallow and Student Life is ruining our lives. I'm about to tell you the hard truth so prepare yourself. *Most things do suck, and yes even Loyola has its moments.* However, there are ways around it. Life is about beating adversities and making the most of what time we have here. It's about making our lives happy by overcoming the daily grind and having time left over to chill out. So here it is, the final word. This is the one and only rant fest you'll ever hear from me, I swear!

*You can't go five steps on this campus without hearing the damned words "Are you going out tonight?"* Even on a Wednesday. Yes, this is true and it pisses some of us off. So instead of bitching about why our school is so shallow, open your mouth and say something to those people. At least one of your friends is a "four-night-a-weeker." Ask them why getting blasted every night is so damn fulfilling. It may not sound like a lot but at least you put it in their head. See what happens. Maybe it won't change anything, maybe it will.

**Drinking in general.** In all honesty it isn't even a Loyola thing. What's the solution? Lets get a big group together, make a petition, send it to Washington and tell government to get with the rest of the world and lower the drinking age. It's 18 in Canada, it's 16 in most of Europe. Do you know why kids drink so much? Because it's rebellious. If you take the behavior of some of the freshmen we've seen this year and put it in the body of a legal drinking citizen he or she would be in Betty Ford. Think about it, if the drinking age were 18, it would give parents more time to prepare their children

how to act responsibly and not have them go off to Baltimore where on the first night of college they're coming home in a car from Rootie's with a chick/dude they never saw before and will never see again.

**CASS, SGA, RAC and Student Life are failing in their relations with the student body, how many times have we heard this?** I know a lot of you have expressed your feelings to at least one of these organization at one time or another, for that I applaud you. But are we doing enough? If you have a problem with any of these organizations and you are on the quiet side, for Christ's sake open your mouths or emails at least. Say something to them not *about* them. C'mon flood their inboxes! I'm inviting the whole Loyola community to think over those complaints they've always wanted to say to these groups, think it out rationally and drop them an email about it. I have. Do you mean to tell me that they aren't open to suggestions from the men and women that they are expected to serve?

**Primo's and Boulder.** The solution? For you residents with stoves, Lipton's Noodles and Sauce. Its' \$1.89 and it serves two. (Available at Primo's) You can buy one work week's worth of lunch and dinner for fewer than 20 bucks. For you Butler and Hammerman kids, when the meatball sandwiches at Boulder become too much, one word ... Ramen!

**People who say they hate their lives.** These are usually the same people who say they hate Loyola, but only to their roommates or their parents, who I'm sure appreciate that. If you hate your life it probably means that you haven't done anything to make it better and you mind as well just curl up and die.

Now, I'm not talking directly to you, you or you. This is an open rant to those who bitch without ever committing any action. C'mon join the rest of us. By the way, when

They sponsor lectures and all sorts of other events. The difference between them and other campus groups: they don't preach to students. They just give the simple facts, and let the students decide on their own. How refreshing.

**Hazel Haley.** Unless you were reading **cnn.com** last week, you've never heard of her. She's been teaching high school for 65 years (which means she's taught parents and grandparents of her current students). With the exception of two brief teaching assignments elsewhere, she's spent all her years at a school she graduated from in 1933. I hope I can find a job that I love as much as she loves hers.

**R.A.s.** There are a lot of write-ups on this campus, but that's because there are more and more rules added every year. You guys have such a tough job, and you get a lot of criticism for doing your job. I wish the administration that writes those rules didn't make your job so tough. They make you look bad, and you don't deserve that.

**Titus Adams.** Two weeks ago, this 7-year-old boy walked a half mile through muddy fields in 23 degrees, in his pajamas and without any shoes, to get help after suffering a car crash with his two sisters and mother. He found three dairy workers who were able to call for emergency help. His mother, who suffered multiple serious injuries, probably would not have survived had the boy waited for a passerby instead of going for help. In this time of holidays, I hope we all take stock in what this kid did.

**Those who gave me a "1" in The Greyhound's survey.** Yes, you hate my writing or you hate my ideas, but at least you're reading me ... If you're listed above, pick up your cupcake in Student Activities during finals week. Happy Holidays!

is the last time we had a *really big* student protest about anything on campus? Maybe I'm just a TV host who knows nothing. Maybe one of you will send me hate mail for this, that's fine. It shows you've got spunk.

Now you can direct that same energy to those untouchable organizations that will come to your dorm like the "big bad wolf" and blow you down if God forbid you said something derogatory about them.

So what's the point of all this? It's that bitching is good. Its good when you direct it toward the right people and you have *enough* people behind you to make a statement. Did you see *Network*?

If you are pissed off about something, Loyola in particular, tonight at 11 get up, open your windows and yell out "I'm mad as hell and I'm not gonna take it!" From there make it your mission to fix those things that are bothering you. Life only sucks if you let it win.

Happy  
Holidays

Good luck  
with finals!

See you in  
January

THE GREYHOUND

# “Real World: Las Vegas” is somewhat lacking

I have been noticing an alarming trend in my life: my love for “The Real World.” Laugh all you want but with the growing trend of reality television there seems to be something



## Is Anyone Out There?

KATHERINE TIERNAN

out there for everyone.

Maybe you like to watch people eat slugs on “Fear Factor.” Maybe “Survivor” hooked you at the beginning. Or it’s possible that you are a closet lover of “Big Brother.” My reality show of choice is the original, the one that got them all started but gets little credit, “The Real World.”

Every season I say to myself “this time it’s for real, you will not watch a single episode of ‘Real World’” and every season I crack. I’m like someone having trouble quitting smoking. Just one episode can’t be that bad. I can just watch it one time and then never again.

But no! The show’s evil hooks snare me, making it impossible to divert my gaze or even leave the room. It is like I have a compulsion to watch. “Real World” is my guilty pleasure television show.

I hate to freely admit my love for it but if someone brings up a past episode I can’t help but throw in

my two cents.

I am such a junkie that I even watch the pre and post-season wrap-ups as well as the occasional reunion episode. I have managed to stop short of buying the outtakes videos though.

I keep watching in hopes of regaining a little bit of the flair that made the original few seasons so great. Here we are at season 12 and I feel that the show is somehow lacking. “Real World” has become a little too polished.

The excitement of watching something real no longer exists, however the excitement of watching something trashy still remains. As one person once told me “They just find the most dysfunctional people and put them all in a house on TV.” The producers have resulted to grainy black and white bedroom shots more than anything else. Sure there are plenty of gratuitous hook-up shots but where are the scenes of other drama?

I wanted to actually see Brynn throw the fork at Steven that almost got her kicked off the show. Instead I got continuous cuts to the infamous fork laying on the floor and a lot of talk. No! Just like we got to see Steven slap Irene in Seattle I want to see this drama unfold before me.

In the beginning “Real World”

actually had some redeeming social value. For many people, the first time they encountered a person who was gay was through the television back in the early 1990s, for others it was a chance to see people of different races getting along. If all this wasn’t enough simply take a look at the San Francisco season, which was many American’s first exposure to a person living with HIV, by watching cast member Pedro Zamora.

But these times of social relevance are gone. The London debacle stands testament to this. This cast never seemed truly authentic. Instead they seemed to have a script to work from. They all were trying to play a part and create conflict where there was none. They all got along and just became boring to watch. There is nothing more gut wrenching than pouring out your soul on cable television only to find out that no one cares about you at all. They were the lowest rated season yet. So then the brainchild of making the cast members work or have an activity simply to fuel the show was hatched.

Call me crazy, but somewhere along the lines the “real” part of “Real World” got lost. Reality shows lose their luster once the cast members figure out what they are supposed to do. They start to play roles rather than be themselves. The producers seem to seek out people who will argue. As the show prevailed on MTV

the cast members also became more attractive. When was the last time an unattractive or overweight person was on the show? I didn’t know that in the real world everyone was supposed to be beautiful. I certainly hope real life won’t kick me out if I don’t blow dry my hair one day.

Due to creative editing the show isn’t about these people’s lives but rather whatever is thought to be a good storyline. This became painfully obvious with the Chicago season when two of Tonya’s (the sick whiny girl) confessionals were chopped up and used in four different episodes. Is that real? I almost feel bad for the people on the show, but then again they knew what they were getting themselves into.

So here we find ourselves at season 12, Las Vegas. It has brought us enough drama and bickering to get anyone’s adrenaline pumping. Watching the escapades of Trishelle, or as one friend called her, “Trashelle,” unfold is more than enough to keep me tuning in every week. Plus I get to watch the emotional battery and fights all while knowing that none of this can be blamed on me. What more can I ask from TV? However, with all this comes the realization that this is the trashiest “Real World” yet. They’re in Sin City for goodness sakes! How much lower can they possibly stoop after this season?

I don’t know but I will certainly watch to find out.

# Reasons for Democrats’ decline are obvious

BY MATT FESTA  
STAFF WRITER

Democrats are distraught after getting trounced in the midterm elections. They ask themselves “How did it happen?” “What did we do to deserve this?” “Why us and not them?”

It is pitiful to watch them try to blame everyone else but themselves. The true reason for their devastating loss is that the Democratic Party runs on a platform that advocates envy and elects leaders that are downright malicious liars.

This was not always the case. In the 19th Century the Democrats were defenders of freedom. Even when this ended, they still elected leaders like Harry Truman who had a strong moral compass. But neither of these are true anymore.

This ended when some in the party realized that envy was a great tool to get votes. They started pitting the people verses the powerful, the poor verses the rich. Their goal became not so much the alleviation of poverty as making the poor envious of the rich and their standing.

Many people will shoot back at this and say, “But most democrats want to help the poor and the rich oftentimes hurt the poor.” I wish it was that easy.

If there is one thing that has been made clear in the past 2000 years it is that envy does not create wealth. By making speeches bashing the corporations -- the

drug industry for example -- and blaming them for the plight of the poor is naïve. The drug industry is responsible for remarkable advances in medicine. Penicillin, antibiotics, AIDS medicine, allergy medicine and any other medicine one can think of that is out today. But this means nothing to modern day democratic politicians. All they care about is how high drug prices are.

Sadly, because they ignore economics and facts, they do not know why this is the case. Drugs are more expensive in America precisely because most other developed countries have put price caps on drugs.

The Drug companies -- having to spend millions of dollars and 10 to 13 years just to get a drug approved -- need a way to recoup their losses.

When most industrialized nations artificially lower the price of drugs, the one sane country that doesn’t has to bear the brunt of the cost.

So what would happen if America put a cap on drug prices? Drug innovation would decrease and new medicines will not be developed. Yet the democrats ignore this and simply bash the drug industry. What they do not realize is that many of their proposals will cut off the pipelines that create new drugs.

This is only one example of how the democratic politicians use envy to get elected. Democrats no longer care how the economic pie

is created; they only care how it is distributed. With the economy, they advocate higher taxes.

With regards to poverty, they advocate more social welfare programs. High taxes hurt the economy and when the economy is hurt everyone from top to bottom suffers -- especially the poor.

By advocating massive welfare programs they simply bloat the size of the welfare state. The federal government takes in \$2 trillion a year yet poverty remains. Two trillion dollars is a big chunk of money to take out of the economy and if they can’t achieve their goals with that amount of money, something is seriously wrong with their policies.

This does not have to be the case. Democrats should realize that there is poverty and it is a problem. But they also need to realize that often times government does more harm than it does good.

Democrats do not need to advocate “no help” so much as to make sure their programs harness the power of the market.

Democrats could be a lot more credible if they did. There is a host of research out there on ways to improve the economy and improve the welfare of the poor. If they would simply incorporate all of this into their platform they could be much more effective.

Yet they do not because many of their leaders today are born liars. Bill Clinton was a national disgrace not because his policies were

devastating, but because he would do anything to save his own skin.

When it came down to it, Democrats defended Clinton when they clearly should not have. Furthermore, they defended Clinton after he pardoned convicted drug dealers and felons on the run in other countries for political payoff.

Then, when they had a chance to atone for their past sins, they nominated another born liar to run as his successor.

When that was finished, they hired another Clintonista as chairmen of their party. Terry McAuliffe ran around the country claiming republicans were pawns of the corrupt corporate culture.

Meanwhile, he made a \$15 million profit off of \$100,000 investment in Global Crossing, a company that allegedly committed massive financial fraud. Can we really expect leaders like this to work on behalf of the people?

I am not arguing that there are no corrupt republican politicians. There definitely are. And I am not saying there are no good principled democrats. What I am saying though is the corruption has taken hold and ruined the Democratic Party.

And it is sad these corrupt politicians have used envy to achieve political power. Hopefully, the principle people in the party will realize this and change the party’s tune.

The country would be much better off.

# From the Desk of the SGA President

If a person were to ask me how I would describe Loyola during the holidays, generous would be the most fitting word. While students pray generosity accounts in a professor’s final marks, the success of programs like the Thanksgiving Food Drive, the Presence for Christmas program and the winter clothing drive truly depict Loyola’s generous spirit. In every aspect of campus life, in departments and offices, from faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends, an amazing amount of food, clothing and Christmas gifts has been collected for those who are materially poor. With garland wrapping each post, a Christmas tree bringing light to the Quad, the Student Center and the Sellinger School, the warmth of the Loyola community is seen most vividly this time of year. This generous spirit (even as much as last week’s snow) has overshadowed the usually dispirited time of final exams.

Yet even with exams, only 15 more shopping days, and a search for winter break work, students have not stopped being generous with their time and energy. This past week the Resident Affairs Council held a very exciting week of events including everything from caroling to ice-skating to a trip to the Wizards game. On Sunday, Roots and Shoots, our environmental club, headed down to Our Daily Bread to help with lunch, and the Sophomore Class Government delivered Christmas presents to the clients at St. Ambrose and the Learning Bank. Today, passionate members of the J.U.S.T.I.C.E. club are hosting an anti-war demonstration in the Quad to educate others and advocate non-violent solutions to the conflict in Iraq.

Reflecting on the semester at large, the Student Government is very thankful for the students, faculty and staff members who have been such an asset in implementing events and programs for Loyola. Because our many clubs and organizations have given their enthusiasm and constructive input, planning for next semester has already begun and will include Loyola’s first Welcome Back Week. If you have any suggestions or see any needs on campus for the new year, as always, “let your voice be heard!”

Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year,

Erin O’Keefe ’03  
SGA President

# Ask yourselves if this is your finest hour. Do you want it to be?

Diversity is tiring, isn't it? Three months, five articles, and 4,000 words later, *Straight Talk* has touched on some of the central issues of the diversity debate as they exist at Loyola. Three months, five articles, and 4,000 words later,



## Straight Talk

FRANK GOLOM

*Straight Talk*. I'm afraid, still has little to show for it. In the presence of alarming statistics, unapologetic scenarios and galvanizing questions, apathetic silence unfortunately abounds. These readers pulse like dead men walking.

I must admit, though, that even I am surprised. When I claimed that diversity was not a code word for African American recruitment, I expected something in response. When the question "what is diversity" was asked, I had hoped that more than Dr. Wharton's answer would be given.

Even when I discussed perceived irrelevance, ignorance, fear, hate and violence, I still assumed that some would find the need to dialogue back.

Yet for an entire semester, I have heard little else but a few passing congratulatory statements on a weekly column well done. No dialogue. No dissension. No agreement. No effort. I was left with nothing but feelings of truly wasted time.

Still I refused to label this campus with the word 'apathetic.' I refused to explore that as a barrier to collaborative inclusion.

It had been done before and become tired. And in my heart of hearts, I felt as if such a label was at its core untrue, a word whose meaning did not capture the essence of the Loyola condition.

I preferred the term perceived irrelevance. I had imagined that most individuals here cared about the diverse matters that would impact their futures. I had gone so far as to suggest that many, despite empathy, simply could not understand the relevance of certain forms of human exclusion to their own lives.

And most importantly, I had entertained an optimistic stance on human nature for the first time in my life. When *The Greyhound* ran a letter to the editor that embraced Loyola's apathy, however, I understood just how tenuous this optimistic stance truly is. As much as

I have tried to avoid doing so, we have arrived on our own to the fourth barrier to collaborative inclusion and our campus' undeniable reality: apathy.

Fortunately, apathy needs little explanation. The juxtaposition of the letter to the editor mentioned above with the last installment of *Straight Talk* in the previous *Greyhound* reflects both the nature of the apathetic individual and the consequences of the apathetic mindset.

In fact, nothing I could write here would serve to critique apathy as well as the mere physical placement of an article praising Loyola's indifference next to the stories of this campus' most infamous hate crimes. Yet in case any was wondering about the causal link between apathy and the hate crimes and violence it allows, allow me to discuss the one story I deliberately left out of my last column.

1999: An unidentified male alumnus had been visiting his brother on campus. During the evening hours, the young alumnus was attacked by a group of Loyola males

in front of the laundry room on the first floor of Champion Towers.

The males then chased the victim out of Champion Towers and through the residential area of campus until the latter had come to the lobby of one of the then Gardens Apartments.

There the group descended upon him, severely beating him 'to within an inch of his life.' The victim would remain in a coma for a

period of time, while the perpetrators, who were never legally charged with the beating, would eventually go on to receive their undergraduate degrees from Loyola.

Those of us in the gay community are well aware of this story and have

come to refer to it as Loyola's Matthew Shepard incident.

Though its details are ambiguous to say the least and though it is nearly impossible to officially verify, enough reputable individuals have recounted the story both in private and in public forums that its veracity is undeniable.

While I am certain that there are more individuals on this campus who suffer from perceived irrel-

evance than from apathy, what is the difference between black and navy blue in the absence of light? It is all part of a dark reality. It always has been.

There is nothing more that I can say. I only pray that you rage against the letter to the editor entitled "Embrace the bubble: apathetic and loving it" and that you reject in your daily thoughts and actions all of the ignorance, fear, and hatred it represents.

Until next time, Happy Holidays, Loyola, and God bless you. Ask yourselves if this is your finest hour. Ask if you would want it to be.

“Even when I discussed perceived irrelevance, ignorance, fear, hate, and violence, I still assumed that some would find the need to dialogue back.”

**Have something to say?**

**Has The Greyhound made you want to break out of the bubble this week?**

**Tell us how you feel.**

**Submit all letters to the editor to: [greyhound@loyola.edu](mailto:greyhound@loyola.edu)**

## Thumbs

BY RON GIDDINGS (UP) AND ALEX ZANE (DOWN)  
STAFF WRITERS



**End of the Semester** -- School's over today! Tomorrow we get to rest and then spend every waking moment studying for exams. Who am I kidding? I'm a senior; I don't care about exams!

**Taco Bell Tree** -- Way to step it up with the singing Christmas Tree. Atop the counter sits this tiny tree glowing with glory, reminding us all of what Christmas is really about: Refried Beans.

**Decorations** -- The campus in general is decked out with boughs of holly. The Quad is covered with greenery and snow, a highlight of the school year. Oh, and the new flowers under the snow look great too.

**Snow Day** -- The best Christmas present we could've gotten. Everyone needed a day of rest just to breathe before the end of the semester. Thanks to whoever pulled this one off.

**God** -- See above.

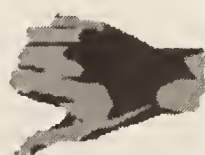
**Puns** -- See above

**Gator's Closing** -- "This place just isn't the same ..." [Senior (clearly 21 because he had facial hair and I heard him reminiscing about "Silver Spoons") overheard in Craig's.]

**PAP** -- "Singapore, Sanscrit for 'Lion City', (formerly "Temasek" or "Sea Town") is a city-state roughly three times the size of Washington, D.C. It is governed (autocratically) by the People's Action Party, which has been in power since 1959. It regularly subdues its political opponents through indefinite detention without charge or trial, on the grounds that the potential fragility of Singapore's multi-ethnic, pan-religious society requires a steady and systematic repression of politically active and aggressive citizenry."

[Senior, also overheard in Craig's between games of pool.]

**Rescheduling Canceled Class** -- "I had my Thursday night class rescheduled for this Thursday, is this really allowed?" [Freshman in the library.]



## School of Americas or assassins?

BY MATTHEW RECORD  
STAFF WRITER

For longer than a century, Latin America has been plagued by constant political instability that has largely been a result of American interference and European Imperialism. After gaining independence from Spain through violent coup d' etats, countries such as Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and others have been struggling to establish functional democratic governments.

These struggles have chiefly resulted in civil wars where an oppressed majority overthrows a corrupt military dictatorship only to institute a similar regime themselves. What further complicates the situation is that the American government is known or suspected to have had a hand in quelling several leftist revolutions through violent measures. This was largely due the back-channel policy towards communism and the desire to remain in control of the power struggle that marked the Cold War.

During the aforementioned period and continuing through present day, America has had an unwritten international policy of supporting oppressive, right-wing dictatorships through financial and military means.

The American government does this mostly to maintain political and social order in these countries in order to protect citizens and military installations that are located there. Furthermore, many large corporations

have a lot of capital and assets invested in the region and it is in their best interest to maintain stability there.

One of the most horrific methods the American government uses to achieve this aim is the financial and military sponsorship of the School of the Americas; now called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC). These are the euphemistic names given to a military installation that was once located in Panama but was actually forced out of the country and is currently located in Fort Benning, Georgia.

The WHISC has been the primary source for producing American trained and America armed Latin soldiers that have been deployed throughout their respective homelands. In total, over 60,000 men have been trained in counter-insurgency techniques, sniper training, commando and psychological warfare, military intelligence, and interrogation tactics. Prior to 1991, course training was also given in the areas of torture, execution, blackmail and arresting relatives of suspects for interrogation.

The types of civilians typically targeted by WHISC graduates include, but are not limited to educators, union organizers, religious workers, student leaders and almost anyone else who tries to help the poor in these countries.

Some very notable human rights violations committed by WHISC graduates are Uraba massacre in Colombia, the El Mozote massacre in El Salvador where 900 civilians

were killed, the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero, the rape and murder of four U.S. churchwomen and of course, the execution of six Jesuit priests in 1989.

Overall, hundreds of thousands of Latin American civilians and military have been tortured, raped, assassinated, massacred, forced into refuge or have "disappeared." There is no reason why such an evil institution should exist anywhere, especially on American soil. It is more than slightly hypocritical to be supposedly ridding the Islamic world of evil terrorists and dictators while supporting them in Latin America.

There was a protest at Fort Benning the weekend of Nov. 15-17, but by the time this article goes to press it will already have happened.

However, I urge anyone who believes that this type of horrific activity should not exist to write their Congressman and ask him/her to vote in favor of a bill that what disband any training facility of this type. A similar vote was defeated by only a narrow margin just last year.

For more information, please visit the SOA/WHISC website at <http://www.soaw.org> or come to a Justice Club meeting Tuesday nights at 9 pm in Knott Hall B01.

It is impossible for the American government to be claiming the moral high ground in their activities throughout the world while they continue to support these kinds of concerns.

So long as faith and freedom reign, then life is worth living.

## One experience doesn't define the BSA

I was saddened after reading Alan Danzis' article on the Boy Scouts last week. I am far from denying that the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has a *national* policy that discourages, and often does not allow openly gay men to join their organization.

Unfortunately, as Mr. Danzis pointed out, the BSA is an independent organization and actually does have the right to exclude people for various reasons, which in this day and age may anger and upset our society. Like many people, I do not agree with this policy, and I hope there is a time when homosexuals, or rather when every group of people, are welcomed into the BSA.

What Mr. Danzis did not touch on in his article was all the positive aspects of scouting. I would like to take this opportunity to show the other side.

While I am not a scout, my family is incredibly involved in the BSA. My father and three of his brothers have been scouts leaders. One of those brothers incidentally was gay. So I literally grew up around scouts.

The scouts I knew covered various ages and races. They camped out in Gettysburg, let me play on their softball team when I was only four, made Christmas wreathes for the community and were heavily involved in volunteer work.

Scouts all over the country are involved in protecting the environment through low impact

camping, as well as preserving Native America traditions.

My younger brother is eighteen. He recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He was also homophobic for years, which was upsetting to our family, however for the past five summers he's been on the staff of a scout camp in New York. His boss in the kitchen is Joe, a man heavily involved in the BSA and one of the most beloved people at camp. He is also gay.

My brother not only found a mentor in Joe, who has encouraged him to go into Restaurant and Hotel Management in college, but he has also gotten over his homophobia. Joe is a completely accepted member of the scouting community. He is also one of the most wonderful people I know.

Change is slow. Like any organization, the Boy Scouts of America are an evolutionary group.

My father is a commissioner of our local scout district. When he was a Cub Master, two of his den mothers were lesbians. My father now is working on getting the BSA to allow women to receive the Eagle rank, and to be allowed into the Order of the Arrow. My younger sister is a member of the Explorers, a co-ed division of scouting.

Like my brother, she is a staff member, teaching outdoor living skills at the summer camp. Twenty years ago, one woman was on that

staff. Now thirty out of seventy-eight staffers are women. That's progress!

Every national organization includes laws and rules that in modern times might not apply and are being contested. Look at the Pledge of Allegiance. The word God in that context has been challenged too. National laws do govern the BSA, however local charters are all different.

The incidents Mr. Danzis wrote

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about are true, and yet are isolated incidents that turned into high profile cases. Rather than looking at these cases and making a hasty judgement about the BSA, I would like to applaud the scouts for being an evolutionary group. Again change is slow.

Nothing can happen overnight. It takes people like my father and the council he works with, as well as people like him around the country to pull together and change the national laws.

Mr. Danzis, there is much more I can say on this subject, but space doesn't allow me too.

However I would like to conclude by saying that you might not want to present your interpretations as fact. The BSA offers different experiences to different people. I'm sorry if yours was not pleasant and if you were left feeling as though you were being taught to hate. You might just want to consider the other side of the story.

Dorothy Walsh  
Class of '03

## "Pop that stupid bubble of ignorance"

Recently *The Greyhound* has been infested with articles and letters filled with mundane problems found on campus. Yet with each call for action against the staff at Primo's or the materialistic student body not many have stepped forward to make a true difference. Now 12 people have stepped forward to take action. Not by writing letters and mockingly try to start a revolution, but by skipping the words, taking a stand, and joined a true revolution. On the weekend of Nov. 15-17 11 fellow Loyola members and I went to Ft. Benning U.S. Military Base in Columbus, GA to join thousands of others to protest the School of the Americas (SOA). The SOA is a U.S. run and funded training facility that trains Latin American soldiers in psychological and torture tactics. The graduates of the SOA are responsible for the deaths of close to a million people. People ranging in age from three days to 105 years old. Graduates of the SOA have murdered artists, housekeepers, farmers, priests, and all other walks of life. In fact the crosses that were located by the chapel this weekend are a memorial for the six Jesuit priests,

## Did Matt Mason miss the point of college?

My, my Matt! Your family must be so proud not to mention relieved to know that the \$80,000 they shelled out for your "higher education" didn't go to waste. I mean, while you may not have learned how to keep up with current world events, how to deal effectively with people different from you, to have compassion for human kind or even just care about this world that we adults are breaking our backs to keep going (so that when you get out of your bubble and head out to the real world it will still be here), at least you have learned

that it's common courtesy to drive the girl home that you find sleeping next to you after a hard night's drinking BEFORE you call your bookie.

You may think you're a funny guy and that you look cool to your friends. And they might think the same. But from the perspective of someone that you are going to meet up with eventually, once you get out into the real world, and will have to impress to get into graduate school or to even just get a job, you look childish, irresponsible, ignorant and obnoxious. You, my friend, are not entitled to classify yourself with the "...rest of the adult world outside Loyola college ..." because you are clearly not an adult, period! You may believe that the last four years of your life were meant for fun and games and that as long as you showed up for class and handed in satisfactory work just to pass, that your work here is done. You've "done your time." Matt, you seem to have missed a huge part of what college is about. It's about learning how to deal with

people, different from your self in an effective and adult-like manner. It's about learning critical thinking and to apply that to the world outside of your so-called "bubble" so that when you graduate in May and someone asks you about the economy or the War on Terrorism your response can be something other than, "Oh, well, I don't know all that much about stuff like that. I just graduated from college." I can guarantee you that will be the end of the conversation. It would be a terrible shame if that happened to have been the conversation you were having with a prospective employer, or to explain it in terms you'd understand, a beautiful, young, intelligent woman that you were expecting to wake up next to the following morning. Ain't gonna happen, Matt!

I am a firm believer in living every day to the fullest, like it may be your last, but that does not translate in to "be an idiot," which, my friend, is what you sound like. Believe it or not, it is possible to be involved in campus events and to care about other people and especially what is going on in the world outside your dorm room and down the street from the bar, and still have fun.

THAT is what college is about, becoming a well-rounded person capable of critical thinking and problem solving. Although, I guess you have solved one problem, what to get your parents for Christmas. I mean, I am sure they would love to have your article framed so they can hang it on their wall for all of their friends to see.

Name Withheld

## A tribute to Gator's

On Thursday, Nov. 14, Gator's Pub and Pizza shut its door forever. It came unexpectedly. Sure, the rumors have been floating around for years. When I ran into a friend who told me that the owners hadn't made the lease payments, I didn't take it seriously and made my usual call to Gator's to ask if they were open. It wasn't until we got there that we learned the awful truth.

A night at Gator's is always memorable (to say the least), and our last night there was no exception. Cameras flashed, as people anxiously purchased Gator's t-shirts. Friends did shots together, and people made their last requests to the DJ. "Last call" is when the tears really started flowing. As the Cheers song played, we did a final toast to our favorite bar. Chaos then took over. Not just the normal scene that occurs at Gators at 1:30 a.m., but true craziness. Shouts of "*Hell, no, we won't go!*" rang through the bar, as people frantically took home anything they could get their hand on, including posters and pieces of the actual bar. One of my friends even managed to get a tap.

As everyone at Loyola knows, there exists a cleavage of groups on York Road. For four years, I have always been a "Gator's girl." Perhaps the Gator's people have the most stereotypes attached to us. For instance, Gator's is a "jock bar." The girls like to dress up. Everyone loves

to listen to music and dance. The list goes on, whether or not these stigmas are true.

An eight ball from the pool table and three cigarette burns on my arm are all the souvenirs I have from my years at Gator's, but the memories go much deeper than that. Gator's is where I made some of my best friends at Loyola. It is where I cried over things that seem stupid in retrospect, and laughed at things that still bring a smile to my face today. For many of us, it holds a part of our hearts and history that Craig's, Murphy's, and Swallow's can never compete with. You all know who you are.

I now feel as if I'm homeless. Friday and Saturday nights were nothing short of depressing, with all of us Gator's people wandering around aimlessly on York Road. When I looked into the darkened windows and saw the empty corner at 2 a.m., I wanted to cry all over again. Sure, I guess I'll have to learn to like Craig's or something, but it's almost like trying to compete with a first love.

In time, Gator's will reopen under a new name and management. Everyone will still call it "Gator's," but the fact is that it will never be the same. Like a faithful friend, my favorite bar was always there for me, and I will continue to be a faithful patron at heart. Gator's Pub, you will be missed ...

Karen Varina  
Class of '03

their housekeeper and her daughter that were slaughter by SOA trained soldiers in El Salvador. However the protest was not just about the SOA, but also about all the injustices that our U.S. government carries out in our name. We stood up and took action to defend our rights. We drove 16 hours in packed mini-vans, and stuffed into two hotel rooms; most of us sleeping on the floor. We crossed over onto the grounds of a military base, risking arrest, to place hand made crosses at the gates of the base to show our anger at the disgraceful and inhumane actions of our U.S. government. We collected books, videos, joined mailing lists, but most importantly we spoke to a diverse group of people on a wide range of topics. All so we could return to this politically numb and apathetic campus and hopefully spark a fire to shine a light on the injustices that many are in the dark about. We are looking to show you how easy it can be to take action. The U.S. government has done its best to pacify and numb us into a state of POLITICAL PARALYSIS. We are the targets because we have the power. This leaves the power with us. Most of us just do

not see how much of a difference we could make and how easy it is to make it. For more information on how to make a difference OPEN YOUR EYES. POP that stupid bubble of ignorance that you are living in. Look around and see that our U.S. government is about to declare war in our name while we sit idly by. You need to stand up, as we did, to take action against the real horrors that affect other people around the world, and not just the "problems" that affect our fenced in "Wonderland." If you allow unjust actions taken in your name, without your approval, then you are giving up your civil rights. Right now you do not grasp the repercussions of your reservations. Do not be lulled asleep by the "American Dream." Resist the notion that everything the U.S. government does is in the name of peace. Unlearn the idea that we, the youth, are powerless to change the world. Defy those who try and take away your civil rights by standing up for what you believe is right. Find an outlet, like we did, to make a change. It is easier than you think to change the world.

Nick De Gregorio  
Class of '05



## Bursting chords

By KATHLEEN LUBEY  
STAFF WRITER

Last weekend, Loyola's a cappella groups provided what was possibly the most side-splitting, entertaining, laugh-out-loud funny event any student is going to experience, with the annual Chordbusters concert at McManus Theatre.

The members of the Belles and Chimes proved once again that not only can they sing, but they can dance, do impressions and charm an audience. Each year, students flock to this event in droves, looking forward to an evening free of stress and full of good fun during this highly tense time of the school year.

"Most people come to Chordbusters just to see their friends, but the best part is the people who come who don't know anyone personally," said Belles co-president Meaghan Woodbury. "It's really great how much the school supports us."

One of the most appealing features of Chordbusters is the laid back atmosphere and the intimacy of McManus Theater.

Parents and students alike who

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## Lord of the Rings 'towers' over competition Second installment of trilogy set to premiere Dec. 18

By DEIRDRE MULLINS  
MOVIE CRITIC

One of the most highly anticipated sequels in history lives up to its hype. *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* picks up right where *The Fellowship of the Ring* left off.

The two towers between Isengard and Mordor have united under the corrupt Saruman, completely under the power of the evil Sauron.

Evil allies of Saruman show up in droves, and an army of tens of thousands is formed in Mordor. The army sets out to end the race of men and destroy middle earth. The fellowship has been split up but its members are still throwing themselves headfirst into danger to reach their intended goal.

Gollum intercepts Frodo and Sam's path, is captured by Sam, and becomes a slave to Frodo and their only guide throughout the treacherous marshes of the dead.

They struggle on their path to Mordor, trying to destroy the ring before it claims Frodo completely. Merry and Pippin escape from the orks' grasp and are protected by Treebeard, leader of the tree-folk. They convince the tree-folk to join

the fight against Sauron.

Legolas, Gimli and Aragorn, trailing the orks that captured Merry and Pippin, come across the land of Rohan, one of the last standing tribes of men directly in Saruman's path.

The three fellowship members aid the men in moving the last of their tribe to the fortress at Helms Deep, where Saruman's soldiers launch an epic attack.

The cast of characters from *The Fellowship of the Ring* returns for an equally impressive performance.

I admit, I had extreme doubts about the casting of Elijah Wood as Frodo, but he continues to outdo himself and do justice to the part.

Ian McKellen shows once again why he was nominated for an Oscar last year for his portrayal of Gandalf.

Gollum, Andy Serkis is a lot more visible and a lot creepier in the second movie. The entire cast deserves applause for so completely becoming the characters on screen.

Your thoughts never once wander to wonder exactly what Sean Astin did between *The Goonies*

and today, or which of the three guys from *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* is playing Elrond (it's Hugo Weaving, by the way).

The special effects and cinematography put George Lucas to shame!

The amazingly beautiful sweeping scenes explain

why our study abroad program to New Zealand is in such high demand.

All the scenes in and around Isengard could have very easily been reduced to the typical cartoonish, villain's hide-away in the mountains, but instead as portrayed with frightening realism.

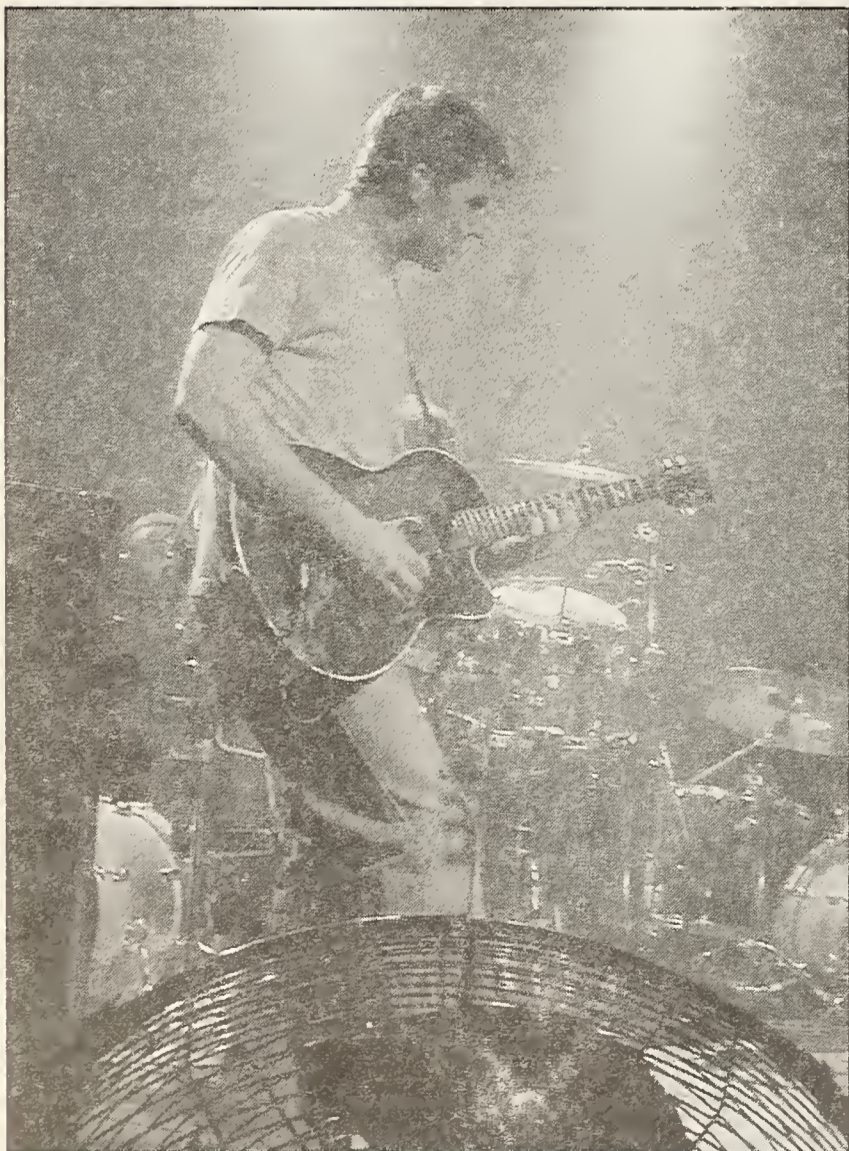
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Elijah Wood stars as Frodo and gives a surprising performance as the hobbit protecting the one ring.  
photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

## Guster on Pink, Primo's and pay Kevin Hattrup spends some quality time with Guster



Brian Rosenworcel plays live at the Reitz Arena with the other members of Guster.  
photo by Nick Alexopoulos

By KEVIN HATTRUP  
MUSIC CRITIC

With the show a few hours away, Guster is at two thirds personnel today, with lead singer Ryan Miller down the street at his parents' new home in Towson.

Rhythm guitarist and backing vocalist Adam Gardner answers in polite, concise full sentences; meanwhile Brian Rosenworcel scratchingly mumbles witty, burnout responses to every other question.

The two balance each other's

personality, both seemingly capable of finishing the other's answers. While Adam arrives in preppy, neat fare, Brian looks disheveled, either morning eyed or baked.

Together, they ease through 40 minutes of questions about their forth coming album, their tout as "lamest band in rock n' roll," and their feelings on Pink, Primo's, and whether their performance can live up to their \$25,000 fee.

**Adam:** (*Shocked at Primo's policies on college dining*) ...here it's not all you can eat? You actually have to think about what you eat? At Tufts you just have a meal plan and eat as many pieces of carrot cake you want... you actually pay real money? Ah that's terrible....I'll sign a petition. We'll start one on stage tonight.

**Kevin:** What has the process been for the new album and can you talk about recently switching labels?

**Adam:** We're in the middle of recording. ...We were on Sire and that label folded. Reprise decided to pick it up they're all under the Warner Music Group, so it was a pretty seamless transition.

**Brian:** Sire is actually back up again. ... But who knows what they are. It's like that Ben Fold's song: "Where the band broke up in May and in June reformed without me ..."

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## Actor Jason Patric remaining incognito

By NICK STROTT  
STAFF WRITER

This January, Jason Patric (*Speed 2, Sleepers, The Lost Boys*) will star in director Joe Carnahan's new police drama *NARC*. Marketed as a gritty police drama that explores the dangerous lives and psyches of undercover narcotics officers, *NARC* hopes to succeed in a genre of films that all too often fails to please critics and moviegoers.

It was this uncertainty that initially turned Patric away from the film.

"I didn't feel like doing a cop movie," Patric said during a recent interview with *The Greyhound*. "I think there are too many of them; too many on TV. I made a junky cop movie many years ago. And so I initially wasn't that interested."

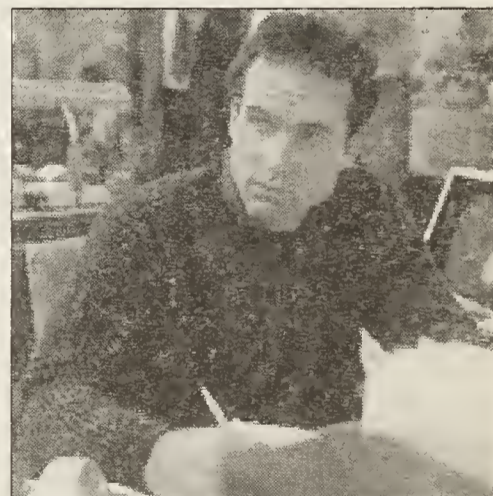
Although he was apprehensive about doing the film, Patric agreed to have lunch with a very persistent Joe Carnahan.

"I like to support young filmmakers. So I [had lunch with him] and I liked him. I felt maybe there was an opportunity to move this genre beyond."

"I wanted to almost make a subjective piece of filmmaking where the audience is in the same scene as the character and I thought if you could follow me with the camera in a very intense,

subtle, scrutinizing way, I could make this much more of a psychological stripping down of a man and just try to do something interesting."

Jason Patric's career has certainly been an interesting one. Once seen as a prime



Jason Patric stars in *Sleepers*, the 1996 blockbuster set in New York.  
photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

candidate for starring roles in summer action movies with no plots, Patric shied away from these sorts of movies (with the exception of *Speed 2: Cruise Control*) in favor of well written character driven films.

"I've been in a couple maybe high profile movies. The real truth is that's not what I've done in the last 18 years; I've played more character parts. I've only made two movies in the past 5 years, so I'm pretty picky."

Picky indeed, but he is not selective because of a lack of

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# The Greyhound presents the top 10 CDs of the year

BY BRENDAN NOWLIN  
MUSIC CRITIC

## 1. The White Stripes- *White Blood Cells*

Hype. The majority of the time, it tends to be for something that doesn't really deserve the recognition.

Once in a while, on the other hand, the hype is earned. Though it cost a mere \$4,000 to record, *White Blood Cells* lives up to every bit of hype it has received, making it the best album of the year. In truth, it was released just before the end of 2001, but was re-released when the band signed to V2 Records earlier this year. When the media wasn't focusing on whether or not Jack and Meg White are actually brother and sister, it was praising the duo for their genuine bluesy Detroit garage rock sound, and the praise is certainly well deserved.

**Outstanding songs:** "Dead Leaves and the Dirty Ground," "Now Mary," "Offend in Every Way"

## 2. Wilco- *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot*

It is quite ironic that such a landmark album wasn't even supposed to happen.

Back when Wilco was with Warner Brothers Records, execs were not fans of front man Jeff Tweedy and company's latest work. They thought it would be a failure, and refused to release it. "They said, 'It's so bad, unless you fix it, you should go somewhere else,'" Tweedy told *Rolling Stone*, in reference to Warner Bros.

Nonesuch Records then picked the band up and released *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot*, which eventually ended up with many Warner Bros. execs kicking themselves. The album has received anything but disapproval, which is more than a sigh of relief for the band.

**Outstanding songs:** "Ashes of American Flags," "I am Trying to Break Your Heart," "Heavy Metal Drummer"

## 3. The Flaming Lips- *Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots*

The Flaming Lips have been around for longer than most think. Since their inception in 1983, the Lips have gone through slight changes in lineup and released eleven albums.

The latest is *Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots*, and shows the huge change the band has gone through over the span of their nine years together. *Yoshimi* is beautifully crafted synthesizer-heavy melody while their debut, *Hear it Is*, was more of the punk flavor. According to the band's website, lead singer Wayne Coyne talked to *rollingstone.com* in March of this year about the not-so-serious feel of their latest effort. "A lot of times we get into these things that are philosophical and heavy, but there

was a little bit of relief when we could just say, 'Why does everything have to be death-oriented or existential?' *Yoshimi* is a very fun album, but is certainly not sloppy. How can a record laced with references to robots not be fun, anyway?

**Outstanding songs:** "Do You Realize?," "Fight Test," "Are You a Hypnotist?"



The Flaming Lips, who have been together since the 80s, can still make it to the top 10.  
photo courtesy of Warner Bros Records

## 4. Bright Eyes- *Lifted or the Story is in the Soil, Keep your Ear to the Ground*

It's hard to keep a low profile on the music scene when, at the age of 22, you are being compared to Bob Dylan. Conor Oberst is the brains behind Omaha, Nebraska's Bright Eyes, and has been writing music since he was 12.

*Lifted* is Oberst's most advanced musical work, with the incorporation of a thirteen-piece orchestra to back his incredibly mature and personal lyrical confessions of self-doubt, change and neurosis.

**Outstanding songs:** "Don't Know When But a Day is Gonna Come," "False Advertising," "Lover I Don't Have to Love"

## 5. Beck- *Sea Change*

There has got to be a reason this album was given a five star review by *Rolling Stone*.

It is not, however, because Beck has written more songs like "Loser." It is simply credit where credit is due, and his latest work deserves a lot of it.

*Sea Change*, much like the work of Conor Oberst, proves that sad does not always mean bad. Even if you knew nothing about the guy, you would know after listening to this that he recently broke up with a girl. These are not the typical break up songs one would expect from some emo core band.

On the contrary, they are some of the best songs of the year, produced by Nigel Godrich, who worked on Beck's *Mutations* and several Radiohead projects. He recently went on tour with the Flaming Lips, recruiting them for his backup band.

The two bands meshed quite nicely, with the Lips supporting Beck's masterwork. *Sea Change*

is built on an atmosphere that leaves little to be desired; the music he provides is already enough to make any fan or critic happy.

**Outstanding songs:** "Lost Cause," "Paper Tiger," "The Golden Age"

## 6. Coldplay- *A Rush of Blood to the Head*

Many thought there was nothing to improve upon for Coldplay, judging from the band's excellent debut, *Parachutes*. Music

critics and fans alike were proven wrong with the release of their second album which peaked at number five on the Billboard chart. It is not too often in the music world that a band outdoes their brilliant debut, but Coldplay has most definitely completed the task.

Beginning with urgency ("Politik") and ending with subtle euphoria ("Amsterdam"), *Rush of Blood* delivers wonderful music and beautiful lyrics. Every listen yields a notice of something new, an attribute that not too many records can boast.

**Outstanding songs:** "Clocks," "Politik," "Warning Signs"

## 7. The Vines- *Highly Evolved*

Surely, Australia's The Vines are heavily influenced by grunge gods Nirvana. Nonetheless, these guys put out one of the best and most important albums of the year. Some called them part of the movement that "saved rock and roll." I don't know if I would give them that much credit, but front man Craig Nichols definitely has the ability to write some

great songs. The beauty of the record is the two spectrums that are hit: boisterous tunes with heavy choruses (their breakout hit "Get Free," for example) and slower acoustic-based songs like "Homesick."

The band also brought back something that began with the Who and was continued by Nirvana: the on-stage destruction of guitars, amps, and drum sets. That is rock and roll.

**Outstanding songs:** "Autumn Shade," "Get Free," "Factory"

## 8. The Hives- *Veni Vidi Vicious*

During their performance of "Hate to Say I Told You So" on "Last Call with Carson Daly," Hives lead singer Pelle Almqvist hushed the crowd during the song's lengthened bass solo.

"We are the Hives from Sweden," he belted as he strutted across the stage. "We have traveled all through the United States of America ... And you know what? The United States loves the Hives."

That pretty much sums up how pompous The Hives are. It is of course, partly an act, but they have such a driving album and stage presence to back it up.

*Veni Vidi Vicious* has many influences, much like a lot of the year's biggest names in rock and roll. With inspiration from MC5 and even fellow Swedish rockers the (International) Noise Conspiracy, the Hives are ready to take the world by storm with their hopped up garage rock sound.

**Outstanding songs:** "Hate to Say I Told You So," "Die, All Right!," "Inspection Wise 1999"

## 9. Doves- *The Last Broadcast*

In 2000, Doves released their debut album, *Lost Souls*, to a mass of critical applause.

Though somewhat inferior to *Lost Souls*, *Last Broadcast* presents listeners with lively tunes that give it a much more positive tone than the band's melancholy debut.

Sophomore efforts are sometimes difficult for a group to pull off. But when it is as powerful as this one, it is obvious that Doves are three of the most talented musicians to come out of 2002.

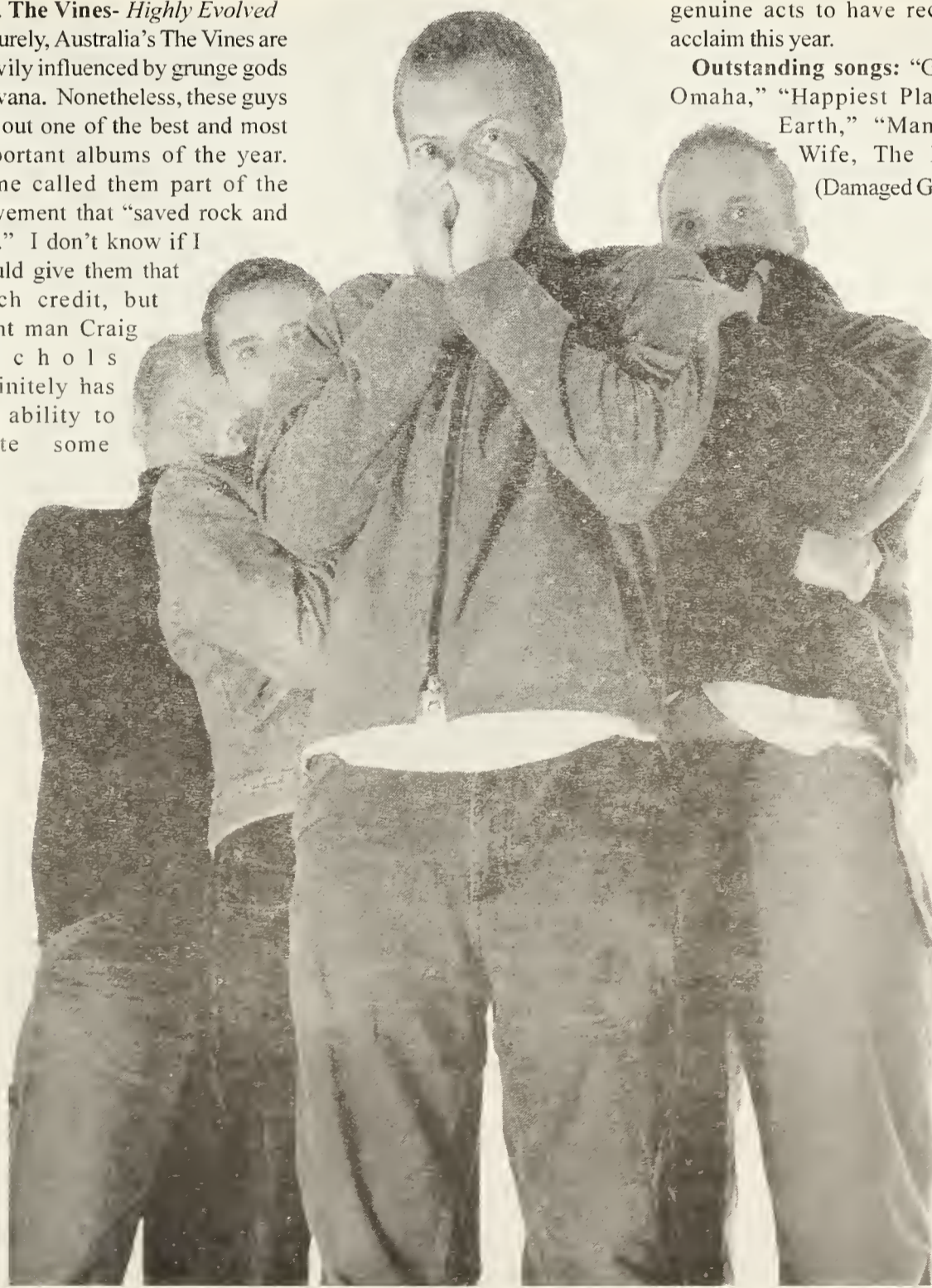
**Outstanding songs:** "Words," "N.Y.," "There Goes the Fear"

## 10. Desaparecidos- *Read Music /Speak Spanish*

In contrast to Conor Oberst's main passion, Bright Eyes, Desaparecidos ("the disappeared" in Spanish) delivers music with a much harder edge. Instead of using personal condescension as basis for storytelling in Desaparecidos, Oberst criticizes modern American consumerism.

It does not come of as pretentious, though, when considering that the title of the record refers to his own personal goals: to learn how to read music and speak Spanish. One can only hope that Oberst can continue to balance both musical projects, because they are two of the most genuine acts to have received acclaim this year.

**Outstanding songs:** "Greater Omaha," "Happiest Place on Earth," "Man And Wife, The Latter (Damaged Goods)"



Nowlin's list is one of the many top ten lists that features Coldplay. photo courtesy www.coldplay.com

# More from a band worth 25 grand

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**Adam:** Maybe they broke up just to get rid of us...

It's a little different on *Reprise*...now there's an A&R guy, he wants to hear our music, he decides where we record it, and think about a budget.

No one's telling us what to do, but just in terms of having people breathing over your shoulder, on your back about things... all of a sudden you have to consider their feelings... but basically we have been working on this record for two years and exploring different sounds.

Brian is playing drum kit, Ryan's playing bass, electric guitars, pianos, and all sorts of stuff. That's been a long process exploring different instrumentation, different arrangements, a lot of these songs we didn't arrange for three players. What do you think Bri?

**Brian:** I think when Steve Lillywhite [*Lost and Gone Forever* as well as U2 producer] told us, (feigns bad Irish brogue) "*Every time U2 reinvents themselves it takes them two years...*" We we're all like, well that won't happen to us, but here we are, it took us two years. ... We didn't really reinvent ourselves, but we did grow a lot in our musical explorations.

**Adam:** It varies a lot. Ryan often comes with the melodies for sure. Especially on this record. We showed up like it was a normal job everyday and just see what would come out of it. So a lot of the songs came out of "jamming."

**Brian:** This album there is a lot more built around bass, lines. With Ryan playing bass the bass lines are more integral to the whole melody and structure of the song. It's subtle, I don't think people will recognize it, but you'll *feel* a difference.

**Adam:** We were looking into things that had more sustain like keyboards or some sort of mellotron. ... When I say keyboard I don't mean like 80's (*doo doots the Beverly Hills Cop theme*)...

**Kevin:** When is the album going to come out, how will it be tied up, and any new promotions?

**Adam:** We're hoping it comes out in March. We're going to finish this little run of dates Dec. 8 and finish it before Christmas. As far as promotions, we're going to do what we usually do and tour our asses off. ... Maybe we'll put it in a cereal box.

**Brian:** I hope they let us make another video. I have been feeling sort of the itch to redeem ourselves since the last one...

**Adam:** We only made one once and it wasn't that great. ... Videos are tough because they are

basically commercials for your record, but it's also what people visualize when they think of your band.

**Kevin:** Have you guys ever toured outside of the states?

**Adam:** Canada only. ... We have

That's about as rock n' roll as we get. ... We often tout ourselves as the lamest band in rock n' roll.

**Brian:** Maybe if we were a lot dumber.

**Adam:** Maybe if we were in Lit.

**Kevin:** Who do you guys listen to right now?

**Brian:** Our friend Ben Kwellner has a great record out now, he sings the last song on our forthcoming album with us, we wrote it with him, we all enjoy the new Beck album, we like the Shins, Wilco, Granddaddy's good. Mercury Rev.

**Kevin:** Didn't you guys just play with Avril Lavigne and Pink up in Boston? So which one would you guys pick?

**Brian:** To have sex with?

**Adam:** I know Ryan would like very much to have sex with Pink. ... I don't think she's

that cute... Do you think she's cute?

**Brian:** I don't think Pink's that cute... I think Avril Lavigne is 17 years old and that's illegal. And I think it's illegal to talk about...they'll arrest your ass.

**Kevin:** What was the worst experience of a gig?

**Brian:** The prom we played at when they asked us to get off the stage after two songs so they could put the DJ back on...that was a bad experience.

**Adam:** Or how 'bout when it was: "MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAES AND GUSTER"

**Brian:** Right... when we played in the gazebo?

**Kevin:** What was the best description of your sound?

**Adam:** The best description of our sound was actually in your paper... when it said \$25,000...I can't believe you printed the price!

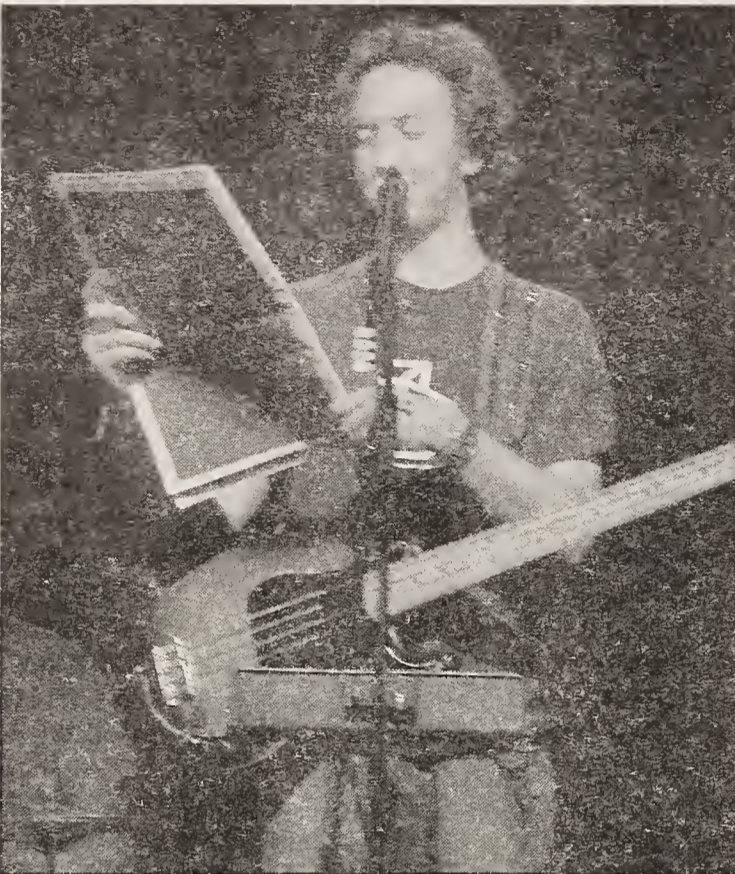
**Brian:** "Guster brings their \$25,000 sound to Reitz Arena"

**Adam:** They sound like \$25,000...

**Brian:** There are going to be people with big cardboard signs that say "Put on a \$25,000 Performance Guster."

As Brian and Adam finish the interview, they plug away at taping some promos for Loyola's WLOY which goes on the air in the spring.

Figuring that they are worth at least a \$26,000 performance, they tap into the Loyola students psyche and later that evening go onto close the show with a stirring homage to Craig's final call. Hacking through Bon Jovi's "Living on a Prayer," Loyola and Guster chant the Jersey classic. The night comes to a close with the thrill and awestruck nostalgia of so many of Loyola's finest moments.



Lead singer Ryan Miller reads *The Greyhound* during the fall concert. photo by Nick Alexopoulos

wanted to go to Europe but our management won't let us.

**Brian:** Our manager won't let us tour Europe.

**Kevin:** Other than writing and working on new songs, what do you guys do on the tour bus?

**Adam:** We play a lot video games, smoke pot ... what else? We like Virtua tennis, the X Box recently crept into our lives.

**Kevin:** Do you have any funny stories about touring with John Mayer?

**Adam:** He talks a lot of smack that he's good at HALO. All the stories I have are very incriminating. ... (to Brian) What about the Rudi Bakhtiar thing?

**Brian:** He developed a crush on CNN Headline News anchor Rudi Bakhtiar, who is someone you have all seen on CNN Headline News, but never thought "wow she's very attractive." But John thought that. And being the high profile celebrity that he is, somehow at the Atlanta show where CNN is, Rudi Bakhtiar is back stage and they talked for two hours. But she's 35 and he's 24.

**Adam:** And she brought her boyfriend.

**Kevin:** Do you do any crazy rock star indulgence, other than the John Mayer incident?

(referring to an incident in August this summer where they bum-rushed John Mayer's live show)

**Adam:** Where we wore KFC buckets over our heads and wore his T-shirt on our crotch?

**Brian:** That's not the sort of rock star indulgence that you're talking about. ... You're talking about the pot smoking again.

**Adam:** We threw a couch off a balcony once. ... It was our own couch and our own balcony.

# Belles, Chimes impress at Chordbusters show

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come to support their favorite Belle or Chime are not shy about vocalizing their support. Cat-calls and solo standing ovations are common occurrences at the event.

This support is certainly well deserved. A semester's worth of hard work, dedication and tireless practicing culminates at the Chordbusters performance for the Belles and Chimes.

The audience who returns semester after semester to support the groups certainly had a lot to cheer about this year.

The performance began with a hilarious "Saturday Night Live" parody by the Belles, with a medley of some of this year's most notable hits.

The Belles also poked fun at reality television, with a looks-obsessed cast off from "The Bachelor" and a moment with "American Idol" winner Kelly Clarkson.

Perhaps the funniest bit was the spoof of the incessant Baltimore commercials that Loyola students love to hate, which even included a lawyer advertisement focusing on the infamous police chase and subsequent car crash at Ahern earlier in the semester.

The Belles exited to roaring applause as the ladies gave the stage to the Chimes and their rendition of "American Idol".

The hilarious satire followed the semi-talented "Ron Jr." through his vocal training and dance lessons (from teachers who could use a few lessons themselves) all the way to the "American Idol" finals where he competed against a sugary sweet Elmo and Broadway star Robert Goulet.



Belles Amy Duffy, Cara Kelly and Erin Casey sing "Down to the River to Pray" at Chordbusters. photo by Tony Panella

All kidding was put aside as the Belles re-entered the stage dressed in black and white, prepared to dazzle the audience with their repertoire of songs from nearly every genre.

Featured songs included "Don't Know Why," "End of Innocence" and a rousing duet of "You're All I Need To Get By." The Belles not only showcased their amazing talents for singing, but also their impressive ability to harmonize.

The background music that is generally provided for these songs by instruments and ample technology came from the incredible voices of the women on stage, as they danced to the beat as their own 15-piece orchestra.

The Chimes followed, clad in khakis, button down shirts and bare feet as they emerged from the back of the auditorium and strutted to the stage to display their vocal range.

Some songs were characteristic of a capella performances, such as Boyz II Men's "Water Runs Dry", but other non-traditional songs like Stroke 9's "Little Black Backpack" and Dexy's Midnight Runners' "Come on Eileen" were met with audience laughter and delight.

The last songs of the evening were perhaps the funniest; the audience rolled with laughter as the Chimes performed Weezer's

"The Sweater Song" and "The Safety Dance" by 80s band Men Without Hats

The lobby of M c M a n u s Theater was abuzz with praise after the event as the Belles and Chimes were greeted with warm hugs and congratulations. Chordbusters was once again a huge success; the audience is already looking forward to next semester.



Senior Mike Bamonti is accompanied by the rest of the Chimes, as they perform one of their many well harmonized songs. photo by Tony Panella

# Hitch a ride to Red Brick Station

BY KATHERINE TIERNAN  
ASSISTANT OPINIONS EDITOR

Frustrated by the Townson-towne Centre I decided to head out to White Marsh for a little early Christmas shopping. Tired, loaded down with packages and a little overwhelmed by the holiday spirit, I needed two things: a drink and some food.

Heading over to the Avenue at White Marsh I came across Red Brick Station Restaurant and Brew Pub. My companion and I decided to try our luck.

Walking through the door immediately to the left is a large, glassed-in room where patrons can see the beer being brewed. The ceilings are high and the rooms are large and open.

There is plenty of room to move around and at no point will you feel like the people sitting at the table next to yours are part of the conversation. Despite the high ceilings the lighting is dim which adds to the homey pub feeling.

One of Maryland's hidden treasures is the plethora of local breweries and brewpubs. Red Brick Station is in keeping with this. It is a beer lover's paradise. There are five homemade brews on tap, ranging from Honeygo Lite with 3.4 percent abv to Daily Crisis I.P.A. with 6+ percent abv.

The first menu item is a Beer Sampler for \$4.50. With this you get a 4 oz. sample of every beer brewed in the restaurant. Beer is a high priority here.

Red Brick Station is divided into two areas — the bar and the dining room. There are tables and servers working in the bar area but the dining room is more "family oriented" (a.k.a. less focused on the drinking aspect).

The brewpub is self-seating which is a little odd at first. Just go in and sit anywhere, eventually someone will be with you.

Granted this means getting a menu and placing a drink order may

Hanging above the bar are pint-sized black ceramic beer mugs with numbers on the bottom (think Senior Mugs at Craig's) for members of the Mug Club.

The atmosphere is laid back and relaxed. If you are looking to pick up people this isn't the place for you. It is a place to hang out, watch a football game or have a drink or two or 10 after work.

The brewpub offers several specials throughout the week on top of their great menu, Tuesday night being the best -- 99 cent 19 oz. beers all day long.

Monday night offers one dollar featured beer and half price wings during to celebrate Monday Night Football as well as half price burgers starting at 4 p.m. until closing. The bar area offers a similar deal on Sundays,

one dollar featured beer and half price wings all day.

The food is good and the menu offers traditional pub fare like fish and chips and meatloaf. Most entrees run under \$13 and most sandwiches run about \$8.

The portions are large, so if you are going to eat you might have to take some food home.

You can order takeout, but White Marsh is about 20 minutes away so it may not be your best bet. However, you can order beer to go in growlers.

If you are willing to take the drive, Red Brick Station is definitely worth it. Laid back, affordable and fun ... what more do you want in a pub?



logo courtesy of www.redbrickstation.com

take awhile but afterwards there shouldn't be any problems.

The coolest thing at Red Brick Station is by far the bar itself. At first it looks like your typical bar. The circular bar takes up a large area in the middle of the room.

As you walk closer the bar top begins to look a little shiny, as though someone needs to wipe down the surface. Once at the bar, however, you realize that isn't the case at all.

Resting my arm on the bar, I was expecting to put it down in a sticky puddle only to find that bar was cool and smooth. Looking down you realize that the entire bar top is covered with large sheets of copper bolted together.

# Mob goes to therapy in *Analyze That*

BY SARAH CORNELIUS  
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(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio - James Gandolfini and Lorraine Bracco have nothing on the doctor-patient relationship between Billy Crystal and Robert De Niro in *Analyze That*, director Harold Ramis' sequel to his 1999 hit, *Analyze This*.

If it has been a few years since the screening of *Analyze This*, re-watching it is recommended. Then plot details can be remembered and related to *Analyze That*.

*Analyze That* picks up with New York mob boss Paul Vitti (De Niro), serving the end of his prison term in Sing Sing. With recent threats of being shanked on the inside, Vitti, knowing full well the FBI is monitoring him, masterfully begins to act dazed, walking around in a stupor all day and occasionally blurting out songs from *West Side Story* in hopes his behavior will serve him with early dismissal papers.

Vitti's former psycho-therapist, Ben Sobel (Crystal), is called in to consult his mental status, which gives the FBI the idea to get Vitti on the outside by releasing him into Sobel's custody, bringing us to the movie's advertising slogan, "back in therapy."

In Hollywood, very few movie sequels continue with the original cast from the first movie, which was refreshing in *Analyze That*. Lisa Kudrow, never breaking her "Friends" Pheobe persona, is now Sobel's continuously nagging wife.

*Analyze That* breaks the sequel mold because it is just as funny as

recent death, is self medicating with prescription drugs and herbal extracts.

He takes a few too many before Vitti's important dinner, and after a few drinks, he is playing with his sushi, slurring his speech and drooling all over. Even the most cliché scenes are funny.

Multiple groin injuries and even the cheesiest of lines -- "The reason I take Ginkgo Biloba is for my memory and I forget what else" -- had the audience laughing.

Through his therapy sessions, Vitti regresses back to his childhood dreams of being a cowboy while getting to the root of his anxiety -- his father.

Seeing De Niro as a vulnerable character is out of the ordinary. Seeing him cry and hug a man was even more out of character. It was especially funny to see him as a mob consultant, knowing his screen history as Vito Corleone in *The Godfather*. He mocks his acting past by teaching the TV actors tough guy slogans, attitudes and ways to handle situations.

Besides being humorous, *Analyze That* also has a little action included in its plot. High-speed car chases, throwing people off buildings and robbing an armored truck all add to making *Analyze That* a well-rounded film.



Robert DeNiro stars as a New York mob boss in therapy in the sequel to *Analyze This*. photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

*Analyze This*. Watching Vitti attempt legit work as a car salesman, restaurant host and jeweler is hilarious, as is the dinner scene which lands him his job as a mob consultant for a "Sopranos"-like show.

Sobel, coping with his father's

# Core curriculum leads to academic excellence

BY BRENNAN O'DONNELL  
SPECIAL TO THE GREYHOUND

I'm pretty sure that the following sequence of syllables has never before appeared in *The Greyhound*: "I love the core curriculum."

When the editors of this series on the "Core Values" of Loyola's new strategic plan asked me to comment on how I "personally experience" value number one -- "Academic Excellence" -- I immediately thought of my 16 year love affair with the core.

Having come here from large undergraduate and graduate institutions that did not have core curricula, I was struck immediately with the value (dare I say "beauty") of having so comprehensive, diverse and coherent a set of courses at the center of every student's experience and at the heart of a faculty member's teaching.

I was amazed when, during my hiring interview with Rev. Joseph Sellinger, the president himself talked at length about the mission of Jesuit education, emphasizing in particular his hope in the creativity of the faculty in making the core as integrated an experience as possible for students.

The idea that I was becoming part of a community of learners that encompassed the president and the entering freshman, and that included not only current students and faculty, but a long line of men and women who had learned and taught in this tradition of education, was inspiring and humbling.

The core curriculum is inspiring because it stands up and says "no" to all sorts of temptations to give up the search for meaning, to succumb to the defeatist attitude suggested in the current catch phrase, "whatever."

The composition of the core, and especially its inclusion of theology, philosophy, and ethics, asserts that reality is ultimately coherent and meaningful, and that the creation and our fellow human beings are worthy of our full and careful attention -- in a word, of our love.

The core calls us to see and understand that the world, as Robert Browning's Fra Lippo Lippi puts it, "means intensely."

At the same time, the diversity of approaches itself implies clearly that the reality we seek to know is itself infinitely rich and complex and diverse.

It is not to be encompassed in any one view, and certainly not by any one person, no matter how brilliant.

Each of the disciplines represents a distinct approach to a reality that the core itself asserts is beyond the reach of any single discipline.

If we're doing our job right, students become increasingly aware during their four years here that disciplines clash on crucial questions.

Arguments across disciplines abound. Indeed, the art of argument is one of the most important lessons that the core at its best teaches.

Conducted in a spirit of charity rather than as means to self-aggrandizement, discipline-protecting chauvinism or coercion,



## Core Values Series: Academic Excellence

arguments are very good things.

They are the chief means we have for discovering the strengths and weaknesses of our own and others' opinions. In the words of William Blake, "opposition is true friendship."

In a climate where people fear argument about things that matter -- about religion, for example -- differences don't disappear, they fester and eventually break out in destructive ways.

The core, then, upholds a vision of education as a drawing of the learner out of himself or herself into a new, dynamic relationship with other people, other ways of seeing the world, other ideas, places, times, and cultures.

At the same time, it encourages constant construction of a coherent view of the whole, through critical attention to and evaluation of the fullest possible range of experience. In short, it encourages constant growth.

Such growth also requires risk. Another reason I love the core is that it challenges me as a faculty member constantly to try to grow beyond the limits of my own education.

We all have a tendency to consider our own discipline the best way of looking at the world. That's why we chose to be biologists, or philosophers, or historians in the first place.

The core demands that we do a very difficult and humbling thing: to strive to do our best within the limits of our disciplines (by continuing to read and write in our fields, by teaching our majors the joys of our own chosen way of approaching the big picture) while simultaneously recognizing the limits of our disciplines.

It demands that we do the best we can to understand how the work we do in EN130 or TH201 or PS101 relates to the rest of the courses that our students are taking in the core and in their majors. In short, it challenges us to remain students -- a difficult but wonderful thing to be.

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## Towers exceeds expectations in first of two *Rings* sequels

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aces of people, elves, dwarves, etc. is very smoothly executed. They're each distinctive from each other, but not overdone. The ring wraiths, orks, uruk-hai, and Gollum chill your bones.

The flying ring wraiths' appearance is absolutely frightening. The wardrobe for the tree-folk is incredibly clever, in yet another instance that could have been reduced to cartoonish silliness.

The fight scenes are also very well executed. Enormous amounts of death and destruction are portrayed in old epic style, with some of the blood but for the most part minus the guts. And you don't notice the guts are missing. The fight choreography is amazing.

Since I viewed *The Two Towers*, everyone I meet asks the same question: was it as good as the first film? A hard question to answer.

The first installment blew everybody away, and everything on the screen was brand-new to the eyes. It was also an event that Tolkein fans the world over had been waiting on for years.

How can a sequel top that? Well, since all three movies were filmed at the same time, the quality has not diminished at all, from the acting to the special effects. Also, nothing on screen seemed old or boring; it was

like watching a brand new film without any expectations.

The three hours flew by like nothing. Every scene has you captivated, I felt like I didn't blink once. The ending, like the last film, wasn't a cliffhanger, which is a very rare find in sequels, especially in a pre-ordained trilogy.

I had the same feeling leaving this film that I had last year: I can't wait for the next one! If you haven't read the books, don't worry. Like the last film, everything is explained clearly and concisely; the film is perfectly easy to follow (however, if you haven't seen the first one, you might want to hold off of the second one until you have).

What else can I say? This is one of the best movies I've seen all year, and I doubt you'll feel any differently.

**Starring:** Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Viggo Mortensen

**Rated:** PG-13 for battle and scary images

**The Greyhound says:**



## Patric stars in cop drama *NARC*

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opportunity or arrogance. He is just genuinely serious about his job as an actor and he always wants to make the best film possible. As a result, Patric's agreement to do *NARC* was not unconditional.

"I really wanted [the movie] to slowly build and build. I had to know that [Joe Carnahan] was going to shoot it that way and that he wasn't going to cut out little things that I wanted to be connected to later. That was the only way I would do the film.

He also did not "chum around as friends" with co-star Ray Liotta during filming. That helped to keep the tension between the two characters real. He rehearsed his part with his wife instead of Liotta. The reality of the relationship between the two men was very important to Patric.

"The important thing with good film acting is real behavior. Most actors in movies act like they're in a movie. They're not acting with real human behavior. Real human behavior is what connects all of us. That's how you identify with someone on screen even if you don't understand them."

Patric thinks that many people will identify with some of the struggles that the characters in *NARC* must deal with. The very real human emotional aspects of this film are what will ultimately bring it success in theaters.

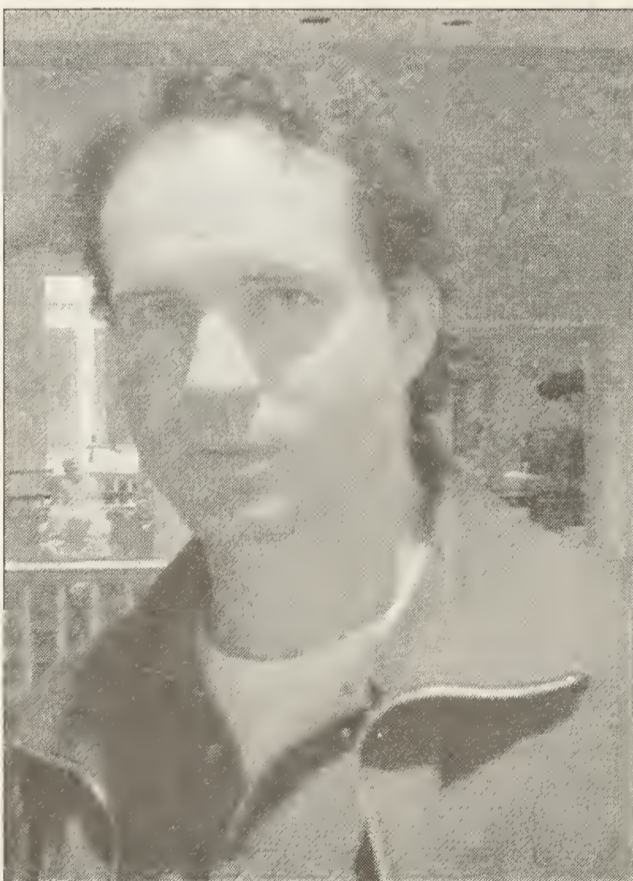
"I think the movie is successful in a lot of different ways. Way beyond just a cop movie. The dramatic elements or the family elements that we are talking about are up there with any other dramas that are just about those things."

This depth of theme and character is what Jason Patric looks for. While many people do not understand why he has chosen to do so few films, Patric has stayed true to himself by not being stuck on a career trajectory.

Picking and choosing the movies and the parts that truly interest him; his characters are often dark, flawed men dealing with very complex emotions.

His character in *NARC*, Detective Nick Tellis, is no different.

Asked if he has anything else in the works



An exhausted Patric after he was interviewed by *The Greyhound*. Patric has been on the road promoting *Narc* for some weeks. photo by Kevin Perkins

he responded, "I never do, I mean I should I guess. I've never really concentrated on career as much as I thought that if I worked on my craft and I had a good collection of characters that would be enough.

"I figure someone is always going to need you if you've got the goods. So I've tried to stay away from celebrity for celebrity's sake," says Patric.

Great actors can exist without constantly being on the cover of *Vanity Fair*, *GQ*, and *People*. Jason Patric is yet another example of this.

If you want proof, go see *NARC* when it hits theaters next month. His talent speaks for itself.

## Pharenology lifts weights Rap group The Roots return with new record

By PAUL WEINSTEIN

DAILY COLLEGE (PENN. STATE U)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - The Roots is one of rap's only surviving purist live bands.

In the musical world, the group is known for its organic sound, provided by live musicians and human beatbox/turn-tablists.

But in the recording world, the group is known for its meticulous production and nit-picky attention to detail.

While its newest album, *Phrenology*, has some unprecedented quirks, in general, the way the Roots wants its music to boom sounds pretty good.

The group wastes no time getting to the good stuff. In typical Roots fashion, lead vocalist Black Thought attacks the listener with pure energy on the intense opener, "Rock You."

Like that track, most of the disc is straightforward modern hip-hop, with hooks that don't get annoying. "Sacrifice," featuring vocals from Nelly Furtado, is a perfect rap song with a positive message.

The album's first single, "Break You Off,"

features an unexpectedly soulful and beautiful coda that morphs the simple chorus into a string-driven drum 'n' bass masterpiece, undoubtedly the Roots' finest recorded moment.

On the other hand, listeners will hear



The groundbreaking Philadelphia rap group The Roots includes guest voices from Jill Scott and Nelly Furtado on their latest release. photo courtesy of MCA Records

tracks such as "Water" and the bizarre spoken word finale and either love or hate how the group takes them beyond anything that could ever be on the radio.

But it's impossible to ignore the Roots' thoroughness, and easy to understand why it is probably the only hip-hop group that can get away with including six minutes of ambient noise and a 25-second punk song on an album.

The Roots are currently on tour.

## What's on TGN 70 12/10-12/16

### Tuesday, Dec. 10:

12 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bulletin Board

Dave and Steve's Video Game Explosion, A/V Squad, Half Baked

9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

9:30 p.m. to midnight

**NEW:** *Idiotically Correct with Alan Danzis LIVE*  
*Idiotically Correct with Alan Danzis LIVE* (repeat)

### Wednesday, Dec. 11:

12 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

8 p.m. to midnight

*Idiotically Correct with Alan Danzis LIVE* (continued)

To Be Announced (presented by Zilo)

**NEW:** *Newsroom 70 with Marisa Brahney - Episode 3*

### Thursday, Dec. 12:

12 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

8 p.m. to midnight

*Newsroom 70 with Marisa Brahney* (continued)

*Studio Thirteen, Riffage Live, Half Baked*

**NEW:** *What's Gonna Happen Here Tonight? - Episode 2*

### Friday, Dec. 13:

12 a.m. to 6 p.m.

6 p.m. to midnight

*What's Gonna Happen Here Tonight? - Episode 2*

**NEW:** *Fate Date - Episode 2x02*

### Saturday, Dec. 14:

12 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2 p.m. to midnight

*Fate Date - Episode 2x02* (repeat)

To-Be-Announced (presented by Zilo)

### Sunday, Dec. 15:

12 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2 pm to midnight

To-Be-Announced (presented by Zilo)

*What's Gonna Happen Here Tonight? - Episode 2* (repeat)

### Monday, Dec. 16:

12 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

8 p.m. to midnight

8 p.m. to midnight

*What's Gonna Happen Here Tonight? - Episode 2* (repeat-continued)

To Be Announced (presented by Zilo)

*Fate Date - Episode 2x02* (repeat)

*Idiotically Correct with Alan Danzis LIVE* (repeat)



## Furman ousts Hounds from NCAA tourney

BY PETER BLAIR  
STAFF WRITER

The inexperience of the Loyola men's soccer team finally caught up with them this season as they exited the NCAA tournament in the first round, losing to then-No. 8 Furman, 2-0 on Nov. 23.

Falling down 1-0 in the 11th minute, the Greyhounds trailed the rest of the game, looking bewildered on defense and failing to muster any offensive opportunities.

Their best opportunity came in the second half when the Hounds' leading scorer, freshman Vinnie Piscopo, redirected a pass toward the goal, but the ball hit both posts before Paladin goalkeeper Alex Maslow intercepted it inches from the goal line.

The Greyhounds managed just

one other shot on goal and forced Maslow to make only two saves.

The Hounds were a bit unlucky drawing the eighth-ranked team in the first round of a tournament where 16 teams received first-round byes.

Furman entered the matchup having not allowed a goal in their previous nine games. With the shutout of the Greyhounds, the Paladins tied an NCAA record with their 10th consecutive shutout.

The loss marked the first time in the history of Greyhound soccer that the team failed to win at least one game after making the NCAA tournament.

Fortunately, the young Greyhound squad, complete with ten freshmen, can learn a lot of lessons from the trip to the

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## Hounds improve to 2-0 in MAAC

BY PETE DAVIS  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Sometimes there are defining moments in a season, where you find out a lot about the heart and character of your team that can spur a team on towards a great season.

The Loyola College women's basketball team may have had one of those moments in their 68-61 overtime victory against the Marist Red Foxes in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference season opener Friday night. The victory put the Hounds' overall record at 2-3 and conference record at 1-0.

The victory over Marist apparently did wonders for the team's confidence as they came back to Reitz Arena on Sunday afternoon and blew out the Iona Gaels 64-38 to reach the .500 mark overall and improve their MAAC record to 2-0.

The Hounds played well and held a lead during the first half, but the team and coaches knew they were not playing their best basketball.

"At halftime I didn't yell or scream at the team, but I challenged them," said coach Candy Cage. Specifically she called over her three senior captains right before the start of the second half and was eager to see how her team would respond.

Loyola responded in a big way, coming out and playing one of their most impressive halves of basketball, on both sides of the ball. Loyola's defense picked up and their ball movement on offense was a pleasure to watch as they defeated Iona.

"This was a great team effort, everyone on our team made a contribution," said Cage.

Earlier in the week, after a nine hour bus ride due to their flight



Senior Lindsay Cobb takes the ball strong to the basket during the Greyhounds' win over Iona.

*photo by Mike Memoli*

being canceled because of the snowstorm, Loyola started the game off on fire shooting the basketball, led by Jennifer Mitchell's 3 point shooting and her 11 first half points. The Hounds shot over 50 percent from the field in the first half including 5-6 from beyond the arc.

Not only were the Hounds shooting the ball well, but they were also playing good defense. They held the Red Foxes to 27 percent shooting and took a 39-20 lead into halftime.

The second half was the complete opposite as Marist dominated play and Loyola could not buy a basket from the floor.

Loyola clung to a two-point lead with just seconds remaining in regulation when Marist forward Megan Magarity tied the game at the buzzer with a put back of her own miss.

At this point many teams would have folded since Marist had all the momentum on their side, but Loyola responded. Senior guard, Shontrese Smith dominated the overtime scoring seven of the team's nine points. Loyola also played suffocating defense holding the Red Foxes scoreless from the field and limiting them to only two points in the extra session.

When it was all over Loyola pulled out a 68-61 victory. Smith led Loyola in scoring with 18, Mitchell added 17, and Katie Netherton chipped in with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

"This was a great victory for our team, and I think the game will help us out later in the season," said Cage.

On Tuesday, December 3, Loyola faced off against an

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Freshman Vinnie Piscopo is congratulated by his teammates after scoring a goal. Piscopo has been an asset to the team this season tying for most points with senior Juliano Adriano de Olivera.

*photo by Mike Memoli*

## Men 1-4 to start season

BY JIM BREZICKI  
STAFF WRITER

After winning the first game of the season against Morgan State University, the men's basketball team dropped four straight games to start the season 1-4.

The Greyhound played their first conference home game Thursday night against Niagara (1-3), a preseason favorite in the MAAC, losing 60-53 before a sparse crowd of 265.

Loyola quickly took a 6-0 lead thanks to strong defense and rebounding by junior forward Donovan Thomas and sophomore center Irakli Nijaradze. The Purple Eagles battled back, hitting three-pointers on four straight possessions, to eventually take a 26-18 lead.

Loyola went on a run of their own, scoring six straight points before Niagara star James Reeves hit a basket to give the Purple Eagles a 30-25 lead at the half.

"The guys played hard in the first half," said Loyola head coach Scott Hicks. "The defense was solid."

The first 10 minutes of the second half played much like the first half. Niagara made a small run to take the lead and Loyola made a run of their own to close the gap. Freshman Bobby Bossman made three straight foul shots after he was fouled taking a three-pointer with 8:49 left in the game, to make the score 44-43.

The Hounds cut the lead to one again on a Delonnie Southall lay-up, but that was the closest Loyola would come. Niagara rallied off seven straight points to put the game out of reach. Lucious Jordan led the team with 17 points and Bossman scored 11 off the bench.

"We have yet to step up offensively in crunch time," said Hicks. "The difference between a good team and an average team is offense. The defense was there

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## H2Ounds 1-2 at FAC Invitational

BY SEAN BURNS  
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It was an up and down weekend at the Fitness and Aquatics Center as the Loyola swimming and diving squads faced off against conference foes Niagara and

Marist, as well as Colgate at the H2Ounds Invitational. Both the men and women defeated Niagara, but dropped meets to Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) foe Marist, and to Colgate.

The women defeated Niagara

by a score of 224-105, while the men prevailed with a 171-153 tally. Colgate defeated the men 261-69, and the women 259-76.

Marist won their meets against the Greyhounds by a score of 265-69 for the men and 245-88 for the women. In the rest of the meets, Niagara was defeated by all teams, and Marist's men's team defeated Colgate, while the Colgate women prevailed against the Foxes.

While none of the Loyola swimmers were able to notch individual wins, several Greyhounds performed very well against some tough competition.

Freshman Jayme Adams earned a two second place finishes, coming in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle races. She finished second to Colgate freshman Chrissy Zaika each time.

She also anchored the Loyola 800 yard freestyle relay team to a third place finish, along with fellow freshman Melissa Birkenmeier,

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Junior Cara Pensabene prepares to swim the 100-yard backstroke Saturday at the FAC.

*photo by Mike Memoli*

# Athlete of the Week: sophomore guard Lucious Jordan

BY ELIZABETH CLEARY  
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Sophomore guard Lucious Jordan gave the Greyhounds a jump to this season in the Best of Baltimore Tournament. In the team's first game of the year against Morgan State, Jordan scored 21 points to lead the Hounds to a 83-80 victory.

Since then, Jordan has led the offensive attack by scoring the most points on the team each game. As of Dec. 5, he leads the team with an average of 13.8 points per game.

In addition, he was named MAAC Player of the Week on Nov. 25 for his performance against Morgan State.

"It was only one game," Jordan said. "It was a big honor being named Player of the Week, but I've got to go on for the next thing."

Head coach Scott Hicks is excited about getting the season off to such a good start.

"He really helped us get this season off to a great start," said Hicks. "He was also named to the All-Tournament Team."

Jordan first started playing basketball when he was 4 or 5, mostly because he liked to play it. His father always encouraged him to keep playing.

"My dad always told me not to

believe that anybody is better than you," Jordan recalled. "He used to play basketball, too, so he helped me a lot."

At Colonie High School in Albany, NY, Jordan was a huge part on the team.

He earned four letters on a team that won the state championships two times during his high school career.

By the time he graduated, he held the school record for most points scored with nearly 2,000. As a senior, he averaged 21.2 points, 7.3 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game. He also led the team as captain as a senior.

Jordan said that a lot of people encouraged him to continue playing basketball in college, especially his high school coach.

"My high school coach helped me out," said Jordan. "He always kept me working hard."

Jordan chose to come to Loyola because of basketball as well as a number of other factors.

"It was a perfect fit for me, both playing and academic," said Jordan. "I knew that there would be a lot of open doors, especially the opportunity to play right away."

Jordan wasted no time in making his presence known on the team his freshman season. He started in 27 of the 28 games played by

the Greyhounds, and led the team in scoring with 13.0 points per game. He was named to the MAAC All-Rookie Team at the end of the season. He was the only freshman in the MAAC to lead his team in scoring for the year.

This year, Jordan has picked up where he left off, leading the team in scoring and making his presence known on the court.

"He's definitely one of the most talented players in the MAAC," said Hicks. "He can score off screens, make plays off the dribble for himself and teammates, and he's very difficult to defend."

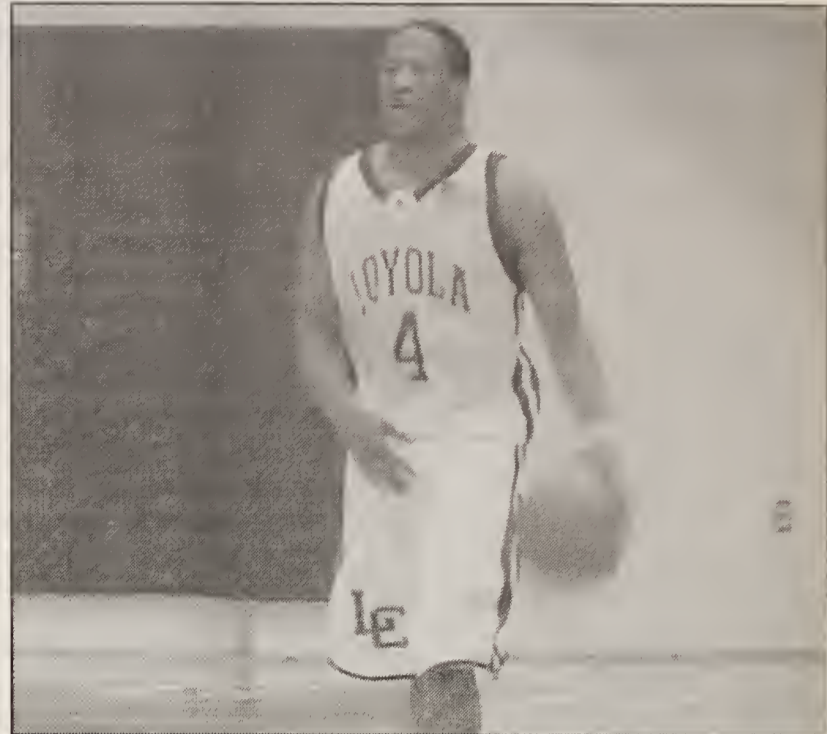
On this team that consists mostly of freshmen and sophomores, Jordan sees himself in a leadership role.

"I see myself as a leader for a lot of guys," said Jordan. "I'm not a captain...and I just do whatever Coach wants me to. Hopefully if one person plays hard, then everybody will do it."

Hicks said that he also sees Jordan as a leader.

"He's definitely a leader," he said. "He leads by example and plays as hard as he possibly can. He's very consistent, so he makes other players around him try to do that, too."

Jordan approaches playing basketball in a way that leads him to give everything he has got in



Jordan, the only player named to a preseason all-MAAC team, has led the Greyhounds' offensive attack this season, leading the team in scoring each game thus far.

photo by Mike Memoli

each game.

"I come in and play every game like it's going to be my last," explained Jordan, "Because you never know what could happen."

Although the season is still young, Jordan still has high expectations for himself.

"I want to help this team win," he said. "I'll do whatever I can do to help us win."

Hicks also has hopes for the team that everybody, including

Jordan, hope to fulfill.

"We're an evolving team," he explained. "Our defense has got to be more consistent. As the year goes on, we'll get more comfortable and develop chemistry. We'll also see better consistent play that will hopefully lead to more wins for us."

With a player like Jordan as one of the leaders on this team, the Hounds are well on their way to improving off of last season.

## Greyhounds place third at FAC



The competition dives in at the Fitness and Aquatic Center. This past weekend the Hounds hosted Colgate, Marist and Niagara in a two day invitational.

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sophomore Shannon Mahon and senior Betsy Mezick.

Sophomore Marko Turcinov also had a very solid weekend, taking second place in the 100 yard butterfly race, and finishing in the top five in three other events.

The Marist and Colgate teams were some of the toughest competition that the Greyhounds have faced in the young season.

"They are both really great squads," said junior Tammy Beck. "But we came in and weren't intimidated."

A few of the swimmers from opposing schools had truly memorable days.

Marist sophomore Matthew Castillo won three events, taking first in the 200 yard freestyle, butterfly, and individual medley races.

Colgate's James Hadley had

several first place finishes himself; winning the 50 and 100 yard freestyle, as well as the 100 yard butterfly events.

His teammates Alice Garnett and Zaika also had big days, with each winning three events and swimming a leg on a relay that took first place.

Garnett won the 400 individual

medley, as well as the 100 and 50 yard backstroke races. Zaika won the 50 and 100 yard freestyle, as well as the 100 yard butterfly.

Loyola's record now stands at 4-4 for the women and 3-5 for the men. Their next meet will come after the winter holiday, when the Greyhounds travel to Rider University on Jan. 18.

### H2Ounds Invitational

Women	Score	Men	Score
Colgate vs. Loyola	259-76	Marist vs. Loyola	265-69
Marist vs. Loyola	245-88	Colgate vs. Loyola	261-69
Loyola vs. Niagara	224-105	Loyola vs. Niagara	171-153
Marist vs. Colgate	185-151	Colgate vs. Marist	211-124
Marist vs. Niagara	255-79	Colgate vs. Niagara	272-61
Colgate vs. Niagara	255-75	Marist vs. Niagara	254-78
Place		Place	
1. Colgate		1. Marist	
2. Marist		2. Colgate	
3. Loyola		3. Loyola	
4. Niagara		4. Niagara	



## Hounds look to build on talented freshmen core

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the tournament that can help them make a solid run next season.

The Hounds battled hard down the season's final stretch just to make it to the tournament, winning their last seven regular season and MAAC tournament games to qualify for the tournament after a 4-4-2 start to the season.

The Hounds' final record (13-5-3, 8-0-1 MAAC) is an obvious disappointment after the success of the 2001 season, but the lessons learned this year will be valuable toward next year's run.

What lessons can the Hounds take from this year's season?

Piscopo will be a force to be reckoned with for opposing goalies in the MAAC for the next three years. The freshman led the team in goals and tied senior Juliano Adriano de Oliveira for the team lead in points.

Playing a tough early schedule is important for building late season endurance and toughness. The Hounds had three early opponents (Maryland, Syracuse, American) that were all ranked in the Top 20 this season. Maryland has since reached the Final Four in the tournament.

The Greyhounds can win the games they need to. In the face of disappointment, the Greyhounds turned around a 4-4-2 start in what could have been a train wreck to emerge as the MAAC tournament champions for the second consecutive season.

Of course, there are still a lot of unanswered questions that remain

going into next season. The Greyhounds are losing senior goalkeeper Reb Beatty, who recently broke the record for most goals.

He managed to surpass Sean Boehmcke (Class of '93) by one shutout, ending his collegiate career with 43.

Beatty was also named to the National Soccer Coaches Association's All-South Atlantic first team, after being a third-team selection each of the last two years.

Joining Beatty on the first team is senior defender Niall Lepper, the Greyhounds' emotional and on-field leader, who scored eight points for the Greyhounds this season. Lepper also handled penalty kicks in his time with the Hounds.

The absence of senior Miguel Abreu after his injury this season shows that the Greyhounds will have to look for a physical presence in the midfield next year. Freshman John Dalziel may be just the candidate to fill that void, after coming on strong in Abreu's absence late this season.

With the losses of other seniors Bill Law and Adriano de Oliveira, the Greyhounds will have even more voids to fill next season, but the team showed this year that they are more than capable of filling those voids.

And as Piscopo, Dalziel and the eight other freshmen on this team gain more experience and toughness, there is no doubt that the Greyhounds have nowhere to go but forward.

# Tough finishes lead to rough start

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ght and the offense is getting r with each game."

Loyola started their home campaign against Farleigh Dickinson University on Tuesday, losing another close game 61-56. The Greyhounds played solid defense in the first half, but the offense was not in sync, scoring only 27 points.

The second half was an offensive struggle for both teams. FDU pressured the Greyhounds every possession, which seemed to fluster the team's young point guards. Loyola played solid interior defense, forcing the Knights to rely on long range perimeter shots. This plan worked well, allowing the Hounds to cut the lead down to as little as three with one minute left in the game. Unfortunately, FDU's diminutive point guard Marcus Whitaker hit a three-pointer to make it a six-point game and crush Loyola's plans for a comeback. Freshman Charlie Bell finished with 14 points to lead the Hounds. Junior Donovan Thomas added 12 points and seven rebounds in the loss.

"FDU's pressure bothered us," said Hicks. "On a positive note we got 12 offensive rebounds, we got the ball down low. We just have to finish when we get offensive rebounds."

Loyola played their first conference game Nov. 29 on the road against preseason MAAC favorite Manhattan. The Hounds played tough defense throughout the game and actually led 29-28 at the half. But the Jaspers were too much for the less-experienced Greyhounds, outscoring Loyola 37-24 in the second half to win the game 65-53. Preseason MAAC player of the year Luis Flores could not be stopped, scoring 19 points for Manhattan. Bossman led Loyola with 13 points and forward Bernard Allen grabbed 7

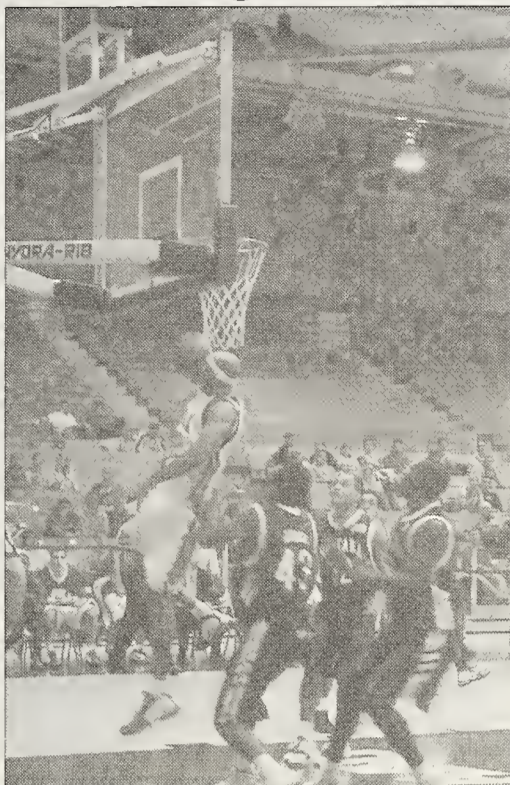
rebounds in the defeat.

Loyola started the season Nov. 23 against Morgan State University in the Battle of Baltimore at Morgan State's Hill Field house. The Hounds and Bears traded baskets throughout the game, but the pace favored Loyola as they won 83-80 in a game that was not as close as the score indicated. Lucious Jordan had 21 points in the opener and Bernard Allen added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the victorious Hounds. Senior guard Randy Dukes led Morgan State with 17 points.

The Greyhounds were not able to capitalize on their opening round win over Morgan State, losing to a very physical UMBC team 57-43 in the championship game the following Monday. The game was very ugly, both teams had trouble putting the ball in the basket. The tough pressure of UMBC held Loyola under 30 points until 5:05 left in the game. Loyola started making shots in the last five minutes of the game, but the deficit was too great for the Hounds to overcome. Battle of Baltimore MVP Kareem Washington led the Retrievers with 17 points, Jordan had 12 points for Loyola and Bernard Allen added 11 rebounds.

"This was the most physical game since the Sunday NFL game," said Hicks, noticeably upset about the physical nature of the game. "We just didn't finish but we played hard."

Loyola will have the opportunity for revenge as they play UMBC again tonight at 7 p.m. at Reitz Arena.



Donovan Thomas goes in for the reverse lay-up against Niagara last week.

photo by Mike Memoli

Leading the way thus far for the Greyhounds have been sophomores Lucious Jordan and Bernard Allen. Jordan was named MAAC player of week on Nov. 25 after scoring a game-high 21 points in the 83-80 win against Morgan State in the first round of the Battle of Baltimore. He also led the team in scoring in the championship game of the tournament, a 57-43 loss to UMBC, scoring 12 points. This effort earned him All-tournament team honors. He currently leads the team in scoring with a 13.8 points per game average.

Allen has been a defensive force for the Greyhounds, leading the team in rebounding every game. He is averaging 8.6 rebounds per game to lead the MAAC. Allen has also come on offensively this season, scoring 15 points in the season opener against Morgan State. Allen's play earned him a spot on the all-tournament team with Jordan.

# LC sweeps MAAC play

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explosive Bucknell team that had been very competitive with Penn, a top 25 team. Bucknell came charging out of the gates, scoring the games first six points and took a 13-2 lead less than five minutes into the game.

Loyola would keep the game close in the first half thanks to some good shooting by Lindsey Cobb, and they only trailed 39-32 at the half.

It was the Bison from Bucknell who started the second half with more energy again. They immediately went on a 6-0 run to recapture their 13-point lead.

Loyola would not go away. Thanks to some great bench play by freshmen Katie Sherle and a great defensive effort by Shontreese Smith, Loyola climbed back into the game and only trailed by a point with 32 seconds left in the game.

Loyola called timeout to set up a play for what they hoped would be the game winning shot. Unfortunately for Loyola, they were not able to get a shot off and

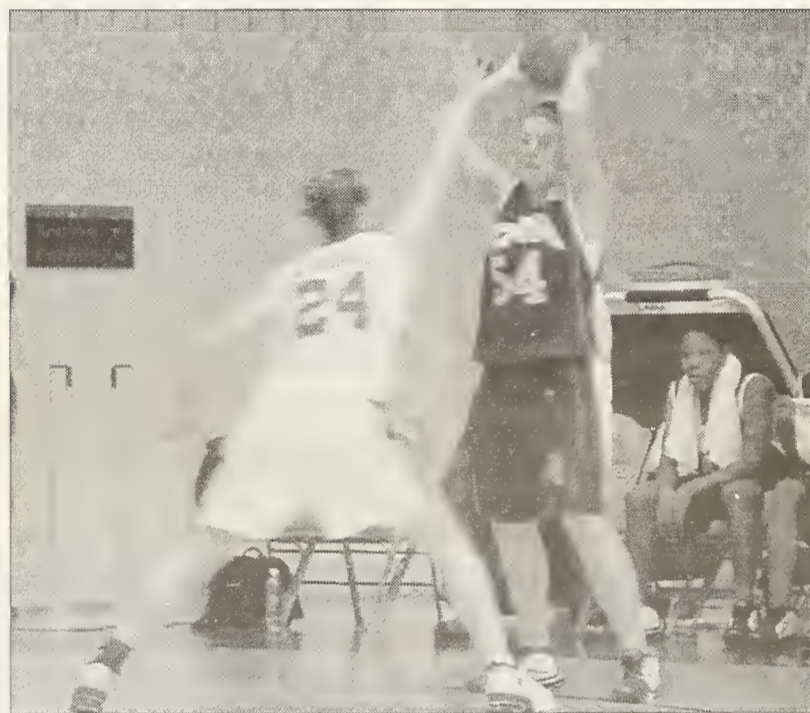
turned the ball over to Bucknell with only 2.3 seconds left. Molly Creamer made two free throws to give Bucknell a 3-point lead with two seconds remaining. Loyola called another timeout and was able to get Shontreese Smith a fairly good luck at a three pointer that would have tied the game, but it was off the mark.

Over Thanksgiving, Loyola split two games in the UNCG Airport Marriott Classic losing in the first round to UNC Greensboro 61-47 and then defeating Howard 73-70 in the consolation round.

Loyola opened up the regular season against the University of Maryland playing in the first game at the new Comcast Center. Even with all factors seemingly against Loyola, they still played a very competitive game losing 80-72.

Katie Netherton scored 14 points for the Hounds but was plagued by foul trouble that limited her to just 14 minutes of action.

The Hounds are off to a promising start to their season, and are hoping for their success to continue.



Loyola's defense has helped pace the team to an undefeated start in MAAC play.

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# Banks, Gesser among most deserving Heisman hopefuls

What can we say? We like trophies. Who doesn't? They are the ultimate symbol of validation-the embodiment of a job well done. Considering our article on baseball's big trophies did not live



redonkulously better credentials, it's that respect for the difference between the college game and the pros that has kept the Heisman great.

The college game does not revolve around numbers like the pro game does. Some Navy guy

## Tango and Cash

MIKE SPILLANE & JOSH CUYKENDALL

had seven T D ' s yesterday. Seven? That ' s i n s a n e , and Willis McGahee

up to the Tango and Cash level of writing that you have all come to expect (which we confess is probably that of a fifth graders), we felt that we owed it to ourselves and to you, our loyal fan base, to do a better job with the granddaddy of all trophies-the Heisman.

How cool is the Heisman? Well, to put it in perspective, can you think of any other award that has its own television program?

Sure there are televised awards ceremonies, but this is just one trophy ... and it has its own pre-ceremony show. Then there's the Pose. How many of you can honestly say you've never once done the Pose?

A pigskin tucked under the arm, a knee jutting out just so, and the menacing stiff-arm... the definition of football poetry in motion. Everybody's done it, maybe just goofing on a friend or maybe as a kid imagining some future gridiron glory, but, one way or another, everybody's emulated the Heisman.

If imitation is the greatest form of flattery, then, short of the Bambino's called homerun, the Pose is the belle of the ball.

The list of Heisman winners is long and distinguished. Herschel Walker, Paul Hornung, lil' Dougie Flutie, Tim Brown, Charlie Ward, Gino Torretta, Ty Detmer, Rex Grossman (oops, did we say that, we meant Joey Harrington...oh man, did it again, actually we meant....oh what was that guy's name...cause obviously he most deserved last year's Heisman)

Well, as you can tell by those last couple of names, not every Heisman winner has parlayed that collegiate excellence into pro football Hall-of-Fame-type glory, but that's the beauty of the award.

For as much as we mock the fact that Eric Crouch won the Heisman trophy over candidates with

(who's having the girl that sits next to him in Geology write his Heisman acceptance speech at this very moment) had six against a tough Hokies defense.

Michael Vick might be a genetic freak, but his brand of 200 yard passing and 150 yard rushing games is the norm for many college QB's (it's only sick when guys like Vick do it against pro defensive schemes that make college defenses look like the local Pop Warner Junior Midget squad).

So what's a Heisman voter to do when comparing the different college players that come up for consideration in the modern game? How do the eye-popping passing numbers of a Steve Spurrier QB compare against the balanced rush and pass yardage of an option QB?

They don't really, and that's why the Heisman is one of the truest measures of an MVP you'll find in sports today. The award is supposed to go to the player who helped his team the most in the W category.

Here's where things get fun, though. If the Heisman voters are true to the nature of the trophy and want to pick the best man, how does one measure the importance of a player to his team's victories?

Well, going on history, he better be a running back or quarterback, that's for sure. Of the 67 players who have won the award, only 10 did not line up in the offensive backfield.

And, interestingly enough, even though defense supposedly wins championships, there have only been three defensive players who have won the Heisman (and let's not forget that Charles Woodson played on both sides of the ball).

Okay, so the Heisman might focus on the sexy positions of quarterback and running back, but hey, who doesn't?

Even from this small pool of

worthy playcallers and playmakers, how can one determine who's the best?

If the Heisman is awarded to the player who has provided the most W's for his team, than why would anyone but Ken Dorsey show his face in New York (coincidentally, Ken's got a girl from his Television History course working on his acceptance speech right now, Willis beat him to the punch on the Geology girl. Nothing like a Miami Hurricane education, right?).

Forget Jeff Lobowski, this guy is the Dude. One loss, that's all the losing that Ken Dorsey has experienced as the starting quarterback at Miami. Week in and week out, teams throw their best game at Miami to earn the right to say they stopped the juggernaut, but nobody has been able to do it.

You think Ohio State can stop the Miami offense, even with their vaunted defense? You may not want to take them with the points, but you better not bet against a team with Dorsey at the helm. You could even throw Mini-Ditka at this guy, and he'd eek out the W.

Sounds like we think Dorsey's the guy who should have the trophy, right? Nope, because a track record of winning might get Mel Kiper and NFL GM's all hot and bothered, but it shouldn't dictate who gets to do the Pose (take a good, long look in the mirror Ron Dayne and Eric Crouch). No, the Heisman should go to that year's most valuable player, regardless of past experience.

For that reason, Willis should be a viable choice, even though he's just a sophomore who carried Clinton Portis' jock last year. It seems all the splinters in his ass from riding the pine sparked a fire under Willy Mac and he's gone berserk this year. So Willis deserves the award, right?

Sorry to disappoint the ladies of Miami, but their hard work in writing those speeches should go for naught. Miami is a well-oiled machine and both Dorsey and McGahee shine in their roles, but neither one is irreplaceable.

See for us, that's what the Heisman should really be about. Who's that guy that is so good and so important to his team that should he ever go down with



Quarterback Ken Dorsey jumps in celebration after throwing a touchdown pass in the second quarter in the Rose Bowl last year. He is a Heisman favorite, but should not get the award.

photo courtesy of University of Miami Athletics

injury, the team would stop looking like a title contender and start looking like the Hindenburg.

So who's that player; who deserves the Heisman this year? Byron Leftwich deserves mention, but Marshall's schedule was a list of lightweights.

Carson Palmer? Throws some of the prettiest ropes you'll ever see and has managed to keep Pete Carroll from pulling a...well, Pete Carroll. But sorry, Carson, even a geriatric could amass silly passing numbers with a receiving corps like that.

Okay, enough teasing, here are two players we feel deserve the trophy: Brad Banks and Jason Gesser. Where do you think Iowa and Washington State would be without these two guys? BCS bound?

To quote Wayne Campbell, "sha, right." Gesser and Kliff Kingsbury of Texas Tech were among the

names listed as Pose-worthy earlier in the season, but Kingsbury's ludicrous numbers only amounted to eight wins. Gesser's numbers may have sagged in comparison to some other candidates, but you just watch next year. Miami might not go undefeated without Ken Dorsey, but they will be a contender. Without Gesser, Washington State is going to be in a world of hurt.

When it's all said and done, Brad Banks should be the Heisman winner, no doubt about it. Iowa has ridden his arm and legs all the way to the Orange Bowl. However, that being said, we wish we had the phone number of the old guy from Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, cause his priceless "He chose...poorly" will be needed when Ken Dorsey's name gets called to do the Pose. Paging Eric Crouch...

Men's Basketball									
Team	MAAC				Overall				
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	L5	Streak
Siena	2	0	1.000	-	5	1	.833	4-1	Won 2
Manhattan	1	0	1.000	.5	3	1	.750	3-1	Lost 1
Marist	1	0	1.000	.5	3	2	.600	3-2	Lost 1
Fairfield	1	0	1.000	.5	2	3	.400	2-3	Lost 1
Iona	1	1	.500	1	4	2	.667	3-2	Lost 1
Canisius	1	1	.500	1	3	2	.600	3-2	Lost 1
Niagara	1	1	.500	1	1	4	.200	1-4	Lost 1
St. Peter's	0	1	.000	1.5	1	4	.200	1-4	Lost 1
Rider	0	2	.000	2	2	2	.500	2-2	Lost 1
LOYOLA	0	2	.000	2	1	4	.200	1-4	Lost 4

through games on Monday, Dec. 9

Women's Basketball									
Team	MAAC				Overall				
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	L5	Streak
Niagara	2	0	1.000	-	4	1	.800	4-1	Won 4
Siena	2	0	1.000	-	4	2	.667	3-2	Won 2
LOYOLA	2	0	1.000	-	3	3	.500	3-2	Won 2
Canisius	1	1	.500	1	4	3	.571	2-3	Won 1
Rider	1	1	.500	1	3	3	.500	2-3	Lost 1
St. Peter's	1	1	.500	1	1	4	.200	1-4	Lost 1
Marist	0	1	.000	1.5	2	2	.500	2-2	Lost 1
Fairfield	0	1	.000	1.5	1	5	.166	1-4	Lost 4
Manhattan	0	2	.000	2	2	3	.400	2-3	Lost 2
Iona	0	2	.000	2	0	6	.000	0-5	Lost 6

through games on Monday, Dec. 9

# COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 10, 2002

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# SGA News

Student Government Association 2002-2003

## Presence for Christmas:

Thank you everyone who participated in this years Presence for Christmas. It was a success on all accounts!!

Good luck on exams and Happy Holidays!!

**SGA**  
**Let Your Voice Be Heard**

## Loyola Datebook

*On-campus events and off-campus happenings*

### Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002

- Communal Penance Service with an opportunity for individual Confession at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Chapel.
- The C.A.R.E. Peer Educators are sponsoring Stress Busters from 5 – 8 p.m. in the 4th floor programming room. The schedule is as follows:
  - Biofeedback: 5 – 6 p.m.
  - Massage: 5 – 7 p.m.
  - Meditation: 6 – 7 p.m.
  - Relaxation exercises: 7 – 8 p.m.Snacks and beverages (hot and cold) will be provided and students are welcome to stop by at any time. Also, there will be board games, card games, Legos, coloring books, and all sorts of fun things. Stress Busters is a great way to relax before finals. And the greatest thing is... IT'S FREE!
- Spectrum Hosts End of the Semester Visit to City Café in Mt. Vernon. Transportation will be provided and will depart Loyola at 7 p.m.
- Greyhounds Basketball Doubleheader vs. UMBC!  
Women's team at 6 p.m., with men's game to follow.

### Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002

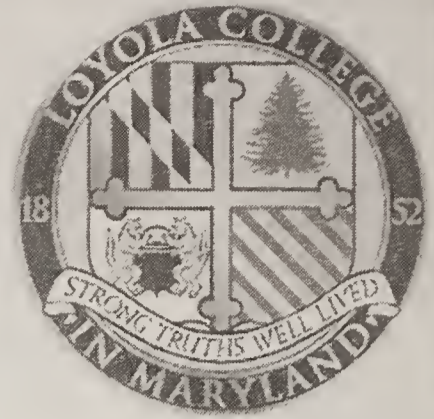
- Yoga Session for a break from stress as the end of the semester draws near. Join the Women's Center for a yoga session on study day from 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. in the FAC. Mats will be provided, just be sure to wear comfortable clothes. All Loyola community members are welcome! For more info, please call ext. 5844.
- Evening with Die Fledermaus Planned  
Enjoy dinner followed by Die Fledermaus by Johann Strauss, Jr., Libretto by Carl Haffner and Richard Genée, in English with English surtitles, presented by the Baltimore Opera Company. A limited number of tickets are available at \$57.50 each including the pre-opera dinner and round-trip transportation. Contact Tina Kline at ext. 2345 for more information.

### Monday, Dec. 16, 2002

- The East Store will have a Student Appreciation Day during which it will offer a 10% discount on all purchases. A limited number of items will be available.

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Or contact a member of the USRS committee:

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